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Trump's Trade Advisor accuses India of 'arrogance' and 'profiteering'; Democrats slam extra 25% sanctions on India, noting that China buys more Russian oil; former officials call for renewed talks

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

A day after the U.S. imposed 25% secondary sanctions on Indian goods as a penalty for India's purchases of Russian oil, in addition to the earlier 25% reciprocal tariffs, the Trump administration kept up its tirade, terming the conflict in Ukraine as "Modi's war".

The U.S. Opposition Democratic party, however, criticised the move, saying that "singling out India" would hurt the U.S. as well. Former U.S. officials, including former Ambassador Kenneth Juster, expressed hope that the situation would be resolved at the highest levels, potentially through a meeting between U.S. President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"India can get 25% off the tariffs right now if they agree to stop buying [Russian] oil and feeding the war machine," said Mr. Trump's Trade Advisor Peter Navarro, who has been leading the charge on tariffs. He accused Indian negotiators of falsely claiming that India does not charge high tariffs, and of "arrogance" in refusing to cut oil imports from Russia, while "profiteering" from refining Russian oil in partnership with Russian refiners, a reference to the Vadinar refinery in Gujarat.

"Everybody in America loses because of what India is doing. Consumers and businesses lose, workers lose because India's high tariffs cost us jobs, income and higher raises. The taxpayers lose because we've got to fund Modi's war." Mr. Navarro told the Bloomberg news agency, accusing India of "getting in bed with the authoritarians" like Russia and China.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent called India-U.S. ties a "complicated relationship", despite good ties between Mr. Trump and Mr. Modi, and said that the issue was not just Russian oil purchases but India's failure to make a deal with the U.S. on trade.

"I thought India could be one of the earlier deals and they kind of tapped us along in terms of the negotiations. Then there is also the aspect of the Russian crude purchases which they've been profiteering on," Mr. Bessent said on Wednesday, where he said the Indian rupee is at "an all-time low" due to recent developments.

Democratic lawmakers, however, attacked the Trump government, pointing out that China buys more Russian oil than India. In the past month, China has increased its intake of Russian oil even as India decreased its purchases.

"Instead of imposing sanctions on China or others purchasing larger amounts of Russian oil, Trump's singling out India with tariffs, hurting Americans and sabotaging the U.S.-India relationship in the process. It's almost like it's not about Ukraine at all," the Democrats in the House Foreign Affairs Committee said on X.

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'Removal of tariffs not a prerequisite for trade talks'

NEW DELHI
The removal of the additional 25% tariff on India is not a prerequisite for trade negotiations to resume between India and the United States, but a trade deal would not "be practical" if these tariffs were to remain, according to government sources. » PAGE 15

Pre-test for Census 2027 to be conducted in Oct.-Nov.

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The pre-test exercise for the Population Census, 2027 will be conducted in October and November, the Registrar-General and Census Commissioner (RG & CCI) has informed the Directorates of Census Operations (DCOs) in the States.

A pre-test is required to test the efficacy of the entire exercise that will be held in two phases – Houselisting and Housing Schedule (HLO) and Population Enumeration – between April 1, 2026 and February 28, 2027.

Mritunjay Kumar Narayan

This will be the first digital Census and the first to enumerate caste in Independent India.

The test will evaluate the proposed questions, data collection methodologies, training effectiveness, logistics, printing processes, and data quality assessment, and identify potential field issues, Registrar-General of India Mritunjay Kumar Narayan is learnt to have informed the DCOs in the States.

The DCOs have been told that a mobile app will be used for the first time to collect data.

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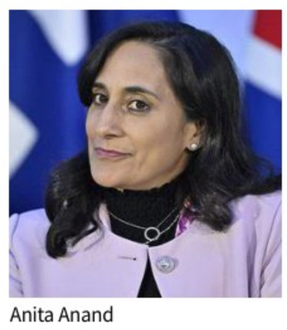
India, Canada name envoys, signal end of diplomatic spat

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

In a move signalling normalisation of diplomatic relations that were scuttled by the spat over the murder of a pro-Khalistan activist in 2023 in British Columbia, Canada and India on Thursday announced the appointment of High Commissioners.

The move came around two-and-a-half months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi met his Canadian counterpart, Mark Carney, on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Kananaskis, Canada, where both leaders agreed to appoint envoys and upgrade ties.


Anita Anand

Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs Anita Anand said that Christopher Cooter, a career foreign service officer with 35 years of diplomatic experience, will be the new High Commissioner to India.

Hours later, the Ministry of External Affairs here announced that Dinesh K. Patnaik of the 1990 Indian Foreign Service cadre will take up charge of the High Commissioner to Canada "shortly". Mr. Patnaik is currently the Indian ambassador to Spain.

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Class 9 girl gives birth in toilet of residential school in Yadgir dist.

The Hindu Bureau
YADGIR

In a shocking incident, a Class IX student of a government-run residential school in Yadgir district gave birth to a baby boy in the school's toilet on Wednesday.

As per the FIR, the girl delivered around 2 p.m. and her classmates, who saw her going through labour and giving birth, reported it to the school authorities. The girl (aged 17 and seven months) and the newborn were later taken to the hospital for treatment and are reportedly in good health. As per the FIR, the girl was allegedly subjected to sexual assault by an unknown person about 9 to 10 months ago. The girl has so far refused to talk about who had assaulted her and if anyone was in the know of what had happened. The incident was not immediately reported by the school authorities, at the request of the victim's brother, who was informed soon after the incident, according to the FIR.

Deputy Commissioner Harshal Bhoyar and Superintendent of Police Pruthvik Shankar rushed to the hospital where the minor girl was admitted. Mr. Bhoyar told *The Hindu* that *prima facie* there were serious lapses on the part of school authorities.

The Karnataka Residential Educational Institution Society has placed four staff of the school under suspension on charges of dereliction of duty and negligence in monitoring the student's educational and health conditions.

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Two terrorists, soldier killed in J&K operations

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Two terrorists were killed during an infiltration bid in north Kashmir's Bandipora while a soldier died in the line of duty in Kupwara, the Army said on Thursday.

Speaking on the Bandipora incident, where 'Operation Naushera Nar' was in progress, an Army spokesman said, "Alert troops spotted suspicious activity [in Gurez Sector] and challenged, which resulted in terrorists opening indiscriminate fire. Troops responded with effective fire, neutralising two terrorists." Officials said the security forces continued combing operations in parts of Gurez Sector "to ensure more infiltrators were not hiding in the area".

Gurez, located close to the LoC, used to be an infiltration route for the terrorists in the past too.

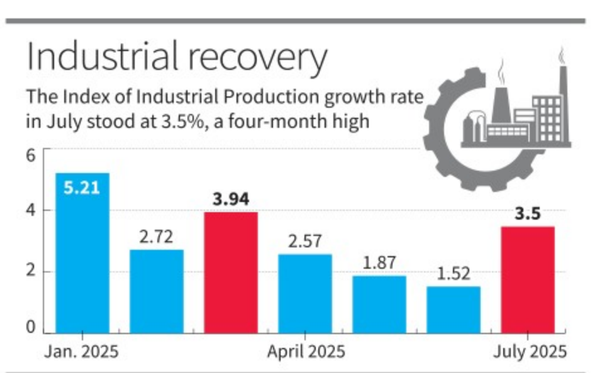
In a separate incident, the Army's Chinar Corps said a soldier made the "supreme sacrifice during operational duty" in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. The deceased soldier was identified as Havildar Ikbal Ali. "His courage and dedication will forever inspire us," the Army said.

Industrial growth jumps to four-month high of 3.5%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Industrial growth jumped to a four-month high of 3.5% in July 2025, driven by a broad-based recovery in the manufacturing, electricity, capital, and consumer goods sectors.

However, the Index of Industrial Production for July 2025, released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Thursday, grew at a slower pace than the 5% growth seen in July 2024.



SOURCE: MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

The manufacturing sector grew at a six-month high of 5.4% in July 2025, compared to 4.7% in July 2024. The electricity sector saw growth returning in July 2025 after two months of contraction.

It grew 0.6% in July 2025, compared to 7.9% in July last year.

Mining contraction

The mining sector (-7.2%), however, continued to contract in July 2025, its fourth consecutive month of contraction.

According to Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at the Bank of Baroda, the sector's relatively poor performance can be attributed to the monsoon as well as to subdued demand.

The capital goods sector grew by 5% in July, on top of an already high base of 11.7% in July 2024. "Overall, the metals and machinery segments have done well, with basic metals, fabricated metals, and electric machinery registering double digit growth," he said. "Non-metallic mineral products too registered an impressive growth of 9.5%. This is a positive sign for investment taking place in the economy."

The consumer durables sector grew at a seven-month high of 7.7% in July, while the consumer non-durables sector grew at an eight-month high of 0.5%.

Can Suryakumar emulate his celebrated predecessors?

The T20I skipper, having excelled as a batter, has led the side with aggression and flexibility; the Asia Cup will give him an opportunity to raise the bar and eye for silverware and glory

R. Kaushik

Historically, there has been a strong association between a certain player and a specific shot. Like G.R. Vishwanath with the square-cut, for instance. Sunil Gavaskar and Sachin Tendulkar with the bowler's back-drive. Ricky Ponting and Rohit Sharma with the pull, V.V.S. Laxman with the wristy whip wide of mid-on, Virat Kohli with the cover-drive. Like Rishabh Pant with the falling-down-anything.

Apart from the unclassifiable Pant, the rest are all steeped in orthodoxy. They played their signature strokes with authority and chutzpah, setting impossible benchmarks that the rest strived to emulate. There were others, numerous others, who played those strokes, but with almost - only almost - the same felicity.

And then, there is Suryakumar Yadav, him of the outrageous that he has somehow made remarkably commonplace (for him) in the high-risk Twenty20 iteration. If there is one stroke easily attributable to Suryakumar alone, it is the impossible swat-flick from well outside off that he consistently manages to deposit over fine-leg.

It's a shot that defies description, geometry, the laws of physics, just about everything you can imagine. It also defines India's T20I captain, a maverick if there ever was one but who has managed to marry adventurism with a consistency that has netted him an average of 38.20 and the enviable strike-rate of 167.07 across 79 innings at the highest level.

AFP

THE GIST

As skipper, Suryakumar has been singularly on-point in his first year in charge. India have won all four series under him – in Sri Lanka and South Africa, each succeeded by home triumphs against Bangladesh and England

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Left-field

Suryakumar was somewhat of a left-field choice for the captaincy of the 20-over side once Rohit pulled the plug on his international career in the immediacy of India's victory at the World Cup last June. Not that the then 33-year-old wasn't qualified or that he didn't have leadership credentials. The popular perception was that Hardik Pandya, Rohit's deputy at the World Cup and the man who had taken Gujarat Titans to the trophy and then to the final in the first two years of their existence, was a natural successor. Things didn't pan out that way, Suryakumar stealing the march over his fellow Mumbai Indian who must now be wondering if he should put his captaincy aspirations to bed, permanently.

As skipper, Suryakumar has been singularly on-point in his first year in charge. India have won all four series under him - in Sri Lanka and South Africa, each succeeded by home triumphs against Bangladesh and England. India's only two losses in 15 matches came in Gqeberha when the Proteas won a low-scoring thriller by three wickets, and against England in Rajkot in January, by 26 runs. Otherwise, they have been unstoppable, their aggressive, entertaining, positive brand of cricket both exhilarating and effective.

Every team takes its lead from its captain, and it's no surprise to see the Suryakumar stamp on the style of cricket his unit has embraced. It must have been daunting for Suryakumar to inherit the T20 legacy from Rohit, his illustrious Mumbai colleague who managed the twin responsibilities of lead batter and captaincy with tremendous aplomb. There was a definite Rohit touch to India's march to the World Cup crown in the USA and the Caribbean, his takedown of Australia in the Super Six stage and of England in the semifinal setting the stage for a dramatic heist in a final that seemed to have swung South Africa's way decisively.

There was no indication of the captaincy affecting Suryakumar's form when he smashed 58, off just 26 deliveries, in his first outing in charge on a full-time basis in Pallekele last July. When he backed it up with a 12-ball 26 in the next game, it was as if nothing had changed, except for the (capt) suffixing the right-hander. But since slamming 75 against Bangladesh in Hyderabad four games thereafter, Suryakumar has hit a brick wall. His last eight innings have netted him 54 runs with a highest of 21, two ducks and three other single-digit scores. Against England in January, while his mates were filling their boots, he mustered a mere 28 runs in five knocks. Cause for concern? Not necessarily, not yet.

For, just a couple of months later, the Suryakumar of the flourish and the flamboyance, of the extraordinary and the exceptional, was back, strutting the IPL canvas like the master of the shortest format that he is. His travails with India were nowhere in evidence as he danced to 717 runs in 16 innings; five not outs boosted his average to 65.18 but he didn't need extraneous assistance to rack up a scoring rate of 167.91 runs per 100 balls faced. The sixes flowed with astonishing consistency, only Nicholas Pooran (40) and Shreyas Iyer (39) boasting more 'maximums' than Suryakumar's 38. Of all batters, no one apart from Sai Sudharsan (759) scored more runs. If any doubts had revolved around SKY's efficiency and if there were fears that he was afflicted by the law of diminishing returns, those were emphatically laid to rest.

It was towards the end of Mumbai Indians' campaign - they bowed out in the Eliminator - that an old friend (foe?) decided to reacquaint itself. In 2024, Suryakumar had undergone a sports hernia surgery, but the problem had only temporarily been fixed, it seems. The same injury resurfaced this year, necessitating another surgery in Munich in June; it was the third time in as many years (after an ankle surgery in 2023) that Suryakumar had gone under the knife, but that seems to have done little to curb his exuberance or dampen his spirit.

His rehab went to plan, Suryakumar able to fall back on the expertise of the medical staff at the Centre of Excellence (formerly National Cricket Academy) and on his own recovery blueprint of 12 months previously. Having ticked all recovery boxes and cleared fitness tests, he has now taken his rightful place at the helm as India seek to defend the Asia Cup, won admittedly in 2023 in the 50-over format, in the UAE next month.

The continental face-off against strong neighbours is the first stop in the preparatory exercise ahead of the World Cup, to be jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka in February-March. Like at the Asia Cup, India are the reigning champions at the World Cup too, and while the weight of expectations on India is massive wherever they play, that will be amplified given their status as the hosts. Unless something goes drastically wrong in the next six months, Suryakumar will be tasked with the unenviable responsibility of guiding his team's fortunes in front of passionate but demanding home audiences.

Having been part of the 50-over World Cup squad under Rohit that was irrepressibly brilliant until running into a tartar in Australia in the final, Suryakumar is no stranger to how to cope with the burden of additional pressure. There is much about his captaincy that is an echo of the Rohit school of thought though, wisely, Suryakumar has refrained from entirely drawing from his celebrated senior's book and sacrificing his own instincts and gut-feel. His calmness in tight corners and his propensity, even willingness, to flash an infectious smile in the most pressure-cooker situations has rubbed off on his teammates, who have approached every match with unshakeable belief, evidenced in each of the three wins in Pallekele last July.

It can no longer be said of India's T20I team that it is a unit in transition. That period is long over; Rohit and Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja haven't been forgotten or replaced, but those who have taken their positions have slotted in effortlessly and the process of change has been smooth and seamless. At the Asia Cup, while they will be expected (as ever) to go all the way, they will be as focussed on getting their plans right, on playing smart without compromising on flair, and they will be determined to do everything to ensure that their inspirational captain is back among international runs.

If he were so inclined, Suryakumar will take back his No. 3 slot from Tilak Varma, the left-hander who asked for the captain's position and justified that request with back-to-back centuries in South Africa. It's at one-drop that Suryakumar has had the greatest success, but one can safely presume that Suryakumar will not insist on batting at that number alone. At the end of the day, his goals and ambitions are allied with that of the team's; head coach Gautam Gambhir is almost obsessively consumed by left-right combinations, which will in all probability dictate batting orders. It's impossible to see Suryakumar demanding that he come in every time at the fall of the first wicket. For one thing, he isn't built that way; for another, he has enough confidence in his abilities to not be able to succeed elsewhere in the order. He will be mindful of the need to get his international bat out of the freezer and warm it up for the equally tougher challenges ahead, but he won't lose too much sleep if the big runs continue to elude him so long as the team is on the upwardly mobile path.

Suryakumar has been reunited with his deputy on the tour of Sri Lanka, Shubman Gill, who has since established himself as the Test leader. It will be interesting to see how the duo functions as a unit; Suryakumar won't shy away from picking the brain of his much younger vice-captain who is tipped to take over as skipper after the World Cup while Gill, now self-confident and tactically more accomplished after the epic 2-2 stalemate in England, will be keen to weigh in with pithy inputs.

It helps that neither man has the slightest insecure bone in his body, which should augur well as India brace for a minimum of 21 T20Is in the build-up to the World Cup.

His legacy as the premier T20I batter firmly established, never mind what the rankings say, Suryakumar will be keen to follow in the footsteps of Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Rohit when it comes to the World Cup. What better way to celebrate his glorious run in a format he loves, and that loves him back without inhibition, than with another World Cup winner's medal, this time shaped by both his bat and his leadership.

'City has the best weather, talent but worst infra'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

D.K. Shivakumar

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

While the city "always had the talent, the weather, and the spirit", what it lacked was political will, says D.K. Shivakumar

Taking to social media platform X, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Executive Chairperson, Biocon Ltd, said while "Bengaluru has the best talent and the best weather but the worst infrastructure – if we fix garbage debris and roads, we can be among the best cities in the world". She expressed hope that the newly constituted Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has a great opportunity to do this.

Responding to her on the platform, Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar said, while the city "always had the talent, the weather, and the spirit", what it lacked was political will. "That's exactly what we are fixing now," he said. "Namma Bengaluru has always stood for innovation, opportunity, and unmatched spirit, and as our city grows and pushes boundaries, my commitment is to ensure our infrastructure and governance act as a catalyst for growth," he said. "With GBA, we now have a unique opportunity to transform this vision into reality, and we will deliver," he added.

T.V. Venkatachala Shastry to receive Muddurama Award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Renowned Kannada scholar T.V. Venkatachala Shastry has been selected for the Muddurama Award 2025, in recognition of his contributions to *Chowpadi Sahitya*. The award, instituted by the Muddurama Foundation, carries a purse of ₹50,000 and a citation.

The award ceremony will be held on September 2, at the Navajyothi Auditorium, J.S.S. Women's College, Mysuru. Shivarathri Deshikendra Swami of Suttur Mutt will present the award.

Eminent Sanskrit scholar H.V. Nagaraja Rao will deliver the felicitation address. On this occasion, the 'Muddurama Manjari', a commemorative publication by the Muddurama Prathistana, will be released. The Muddurama Award is presented annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to Kannada literature and culture.

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2. **आईआईएसटी, वलियमला में विभिन्न स्थानों पर 200 kWp के रूफ टॉप सौर ऊर्जा संयंत्र की स्थापना I/ Establishment of 200 kWp roof top solar power plant at various locations in IIST, Valiamala. NIT No: IIST/CMD/1-1028 /E-27 Dtd.27.08.2025. PAC: ₹ 122.32 Lakhs**
   निविदा दस्तावेज़ डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय / Last date and time for downloading the tender document : 12.09.2025, 23.59 बजेतक/23.59 hrs

इच्छुक निविदाकार, योग्यता मानदंड एवं अन्य विवरण के लिए कृपया विस्तृत ई-निविदा (ई-एनआईटी) सूचना देखें, जिसे http://www.iist.ac.in/tender, http://www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO से डाउनलॉड किया जा सकता है।/Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details which can be downloaded from website http://www.iist.ac.in/tender, http://www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.

प्रधान, सी.एम.डी, आईआईएसटी / Head, CMD,IIST

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

NOTIFICATION
Hubballi, the 28th July, 2025

S.O. 3525(E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 37(A) of Section 2 of the Railways Act, 1989 (Act no. 24 of 1989) the Ministry of Railways, (South Western Railway, Head Quarters, Hubballi) hereby notifies that the project, mentioned in the table below as "Special Railway Project" in the State of Karnataka for providing National Infrastructure for a Public Purpose with effect from date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Village	Taluk	District
1	Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No.10 at km 16/100-200 with Limited Height Subway between Chikkabanavar and Golhalli of Bangalore city – Sampige Road Section.	Soladevanahalli	Yelahanka	Bangalore
2	Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No.11 at km 17/439 with Limited Height Subway between Chikkabanavar and Golhalli of Bangalore city – Sampige Road Section.	Tarabanahalli	Yelahanka	Bangalore
3	Proposed Road Over Bridge in lieu of LC No.76 at Km.96/600-700 between Mandya- Yeliyur stations	Kiraganduru	Mandya	Mandya
4	Construction of Road over bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No.94 at Km,116/500-600 between Byadrahali Pandavapura	Muguru Koppal & Nelamane	Mandya	Mandya
5	Construction of Road Over Bridge along with subway in lieu of LC No. 15 at km: 25/400-500 between Amritapura - Chitradurga stations.	Haliyuru & Manangi	Chitradurga	Chitradurga

[F.No. SWR/W.352/ROBs-RSP/Land/2025-26]

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Ningappa Chandappa Chaluwadi, Deputy Chief Engineer/ Road Over Bridges
Road Safety Projects, South Western Railway, Hubballi

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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF MPP & POWER

GLOBAL INVITATION OF BIDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

The Director (Energy) on behalf of Governor, Himachal Pradesh invites proposals from 'Eligible Bidders' for the implementation of the following Hydro-electric Projects, in Private Sector on Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis:-

LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE ALLOTTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION ON BOOT BASIS

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Tentative Capacity (in MW)	River / Stream / Basin	District	Remarks
PART-I PROJECTS WHERE DPRs ARE READY					
1	Kurpan-III	14.6	KurpanKhad	Kullu	DPR Prepared
2	Hurla-I	9.4	Beas Basin	Kullu	DPR Prepared
3	Sal-I	6.5	Sal/Ravi Basin	Chamba	DPR Prepared
	Sub Total (I)	**30.5**			
PART-II PROJECTS WHERE IRs/PFRs ARE READY FEASIBILITY TO BE ASCERTAINED BY IPPs					
Sr. No.	**Name of Project**	**Tentative Capacity (In MW)**	**River / Stream / Basin**	**District**	**Remarks**
4	Jankar	24.5	Chenab Basin	Lahaul&Spiti/ Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
5	Laluni	19.5	Laluni	Chamba/ Kangra	IR/Salient Features available
6	Kalihen	19.1	Kalihen	Chamba/ Kangra	IR/Salient Features available
7	Gyamthing Stage-I	15.0	GyamthingKhad/Satluj Basin	Kinnaur	PFR/Salient Features available
8	Galwat	12.8	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
9	Ropa Top	12.0	RopaKhad/ Satluj Basin	Kinnaur	PFR/Salient Features available
10	Wangar	10.0	WangerKhad/Satluj	Kinnaur	PFR/Salient Features available
11	Suil	10.0	Ravi	Chamba	PFR/Salient Features available
12	Dheda-I	9.4	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
13	Dheda	8.9	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
14	Nogli Top	8.4	Nogli	Shimla	IR/Salient Features available
15	Duling	8.4	Duling	Kinnaur	IR/Salient Features available
16	Me	7.5	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
17	Kutoi	6.2	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
18	UR-I	5.8	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
	Sub Total (II)	**177.5**			
	G. Total (I+II)	**208 MW**			

The **'Eligible Bidder'** shall mean any entity which can qualify as a generating company as defined in Electricity Act, 2003 Part-I Section 2[28] or as defined below.

[This would imply that any company or body Corporate or association or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not or artificial juridical person would be eligible]

A. GENERAL CONDITIONS:- For detailed terms & conditions kindly visit official website of Directorate of Energy: https://doehimachal.nic.in/

i. Bidders shall be required to submit 'Technical-Bids' and 'Price-Bids' on the Format appended in the Bid Document in two separate envelopes super scribed with "Technical-Bid" and "Price-Bid".

B. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS:

a) The Bid Document containing details of Terms & Conditions regarding Bidding Process & Project Implementation, Bid Application Formats, questionnaire etc. would be available to the interested Bidders on payment of **Rupees One Lakh (Rs. 1,00,000/-)** only through a **bank draft/bankers cheque**, from the office of **the Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, 2nd Floor, MC Parking Building, near Tutikandi bypass, Shimla (HP)-171005, Tel. 91-177-2673552, 91-177-2673553 Fax No. +91-177-2673553 e-mail: ceenergy09@gmail.com, w. e. f. five days after publication**. The bank draft/banker's cheque shall be given in the name of Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, Shimla and drawn on any scheduled Indian Bank at Shimla. For getting the documents through Courier service, the additional charges @ Rs.3000/- for inland and Rs.5000/- for foreign countries shall be payable through a bank draft/bankers cheque.

b) The 'Technical-Bids' in response to the advertisement should be accompanied by a non-**refundable Processing Fee @ Rs.50,000/-(Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) per MW subject to maximum of Rupees Twenty Five Lakh (Rs. 25,00,000/-) per Project applied for**. The payment shall be made through bank draft/bankers cheque in the name of Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, Shimla drawn on any Scheduled Indian Bank at Shimla. Bids not accompanied by the Processing Fee are liable to be rejected forthwith.

c) For any query or clarification, the **Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, 2nd Floor, MC Parking Building, Near Tutikandi Bypass, Shimla (HP)-171005**, may be contacted on **Tel. 91-177-2673552, Fax No. +91-177-2673553 e-mail:** ceenergy09@gmail.com **& Official website of Directorate of Energy:** https://doehimachal.nic.in/

d) The last date for sale of Bid Documents to the interested bidders, the last date of submission of bids in the office of Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, at the above address and the date of opening of Bids are as under :-

I.	**Start of sale of Bid Document**	**: 05.09.2025**
ii.	**Last date for sale of Bid Documents**	**: 26.09.2025upto 1700 Hours**
iii.	**Tentative date of Pre-Bid Conference**	**: 30.09.2025**
iv.	**Last date of submission of Bids**	**: 09.10.2025upto 1300 Hours (IST)**
v.	**Date of opening of Bids**	**: 09.10.2025 at 1500 Hours (IST) onwards**

e) Note:-If the Last date for submission of Bids or the date of opening of bids happens to be a holiday declared by the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh in Shimla, the bids will be submitted and opened on the next working day in the same order and at the same time.

Brief Project details can be seen on the web site https://doehimachal.nic.in/

For and on behalf of the Governor of H.P.
Sd/-
Director Energy,
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Tele. +91-177-2673551, Fax +91-177-2673553
E-mail:dir.doehp@nic.in

HP / 0950/2025-2026

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. 19/2025 Date: 22.08.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items: **Tender Closing Time : 10:30 Hrs.**

Sl.	Tender No.	Description in Brief	Qty	Tender Due on
01	38251026	Panel Patch Plate of Size 1500 X 850 X 5 mm	1577 Nos.	08.09.2025
02	38251023	Panel Patch Plate of Size 1500 X 1200 X 5 mm	1309 Nos.	08.09.2025
03	38251027	Panel Patch Plate of Size 1500 X 500 X 5 mm	4014 Nos.	08.09.2025
04	30251311	High Capacity Rubber Buffer Spring 1225 KGM	5230 Nos.	08.09.2025
05	56251098A	PVC Signalling Cable 19 Core x 1.5 Sq.mm.	472 Kms.	12.09.2025
06	60252029A	Manufacturing and Supply of M.S. Liner 60 Kg. T-3740	1063513 Nos.	12.09.2025
07	CH251001	Human insulin of Recombinant DNA origin 30/70 100 IU per ml injection	69000 Nos.	12.09.2025
08	65255002	Video Encoscope System	1 Set	15.09.2025
09	56251094	Railway Signalling and Telecom Cable 6 Quad 0.90 mm	2270 Kms.	19.09.2025
10	37251339A	Buffer Plunger for Coaching Stock	3382 Nos.	22.09.2025
11	65245006A	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Eddy Current Array Testing Equipment	1 Nos.	23.09.2025
12	56251091A	PVC Signalling Cable 12 Core X 1.5 Sq.mm.	1327 Kms.	26.09.2025
13	93251016	Impregnated Compressed Laminates 2850 x 1220 x 12 mm	3304 Nos.	13.10.2025
14	77251074	Paint Enamel, Synthetic Exterior Finishing (Apricot Yellow)	81000 Ltr.	13.10.2025
15	75251056	Pre-Laminated shaded compreg to size 2440 x 1220 x 3 mm	12817 Nos.	13.10.2025
16	75251013	Vinyl Coated upholstery of Non-AC Coach	113979 Mtr.	13.10.2025

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FORM B
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

(Regulation 12 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016)

For the attention of the Stakeholders of
FLOW BANGALORE WATERJET PRIVATE LIMITED

	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Name of corporate debtor	**FLOW BANGALORE WATERJET PRIVATE LIMITED**
2	Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	01/09/2010
3	Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	**Registrar Of Companies, Bangalore**
4	Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	**U31104KA2010FTC055032**
5	Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	6/12, Primrose Road,Gurappa Avenue, Bangalore-560025, Karnataka, India.
6	Date of closure of Insolvency Resolution Process	25th August, 2025
7	Liquidation commencement date of corporate debtor	25th August 2025 (Order Received on 26th August 2025)
8	Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as liquidator	Name: Srinivas Thatikonda Regn No:IBBI/IPA-002/IP N00631/2018-2019/ 11886
9	Address and e-mail of the liquidator, as registered with the Board	**Flat No. 006, Nanda Ashirwad Apartments No.1, Canara Bank Colony, 2nd Main, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru-560 072, Karnataka, India. Email:srinivas@srinivasthatikonda.com**
10	Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the liquidator	**Flat No. 006, Nanda Ashirwad Apartments No.1, Canara Bank Colony, 2nd Main, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru-560 072, Karnataka, India. Email:flowbangaloreibc@gmail.com**
11	Last date for submission of claims	24th September 2025 (Being the 30th day from the date of the liquidation order)

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal Bengaluru has ordered the commencement of liquidation of the **FLOW BANGALORE WATERJET PRIVATE LIMITED** on 25th August 2025 (Order Received on 26th August 2025).

The stakeholders of **FLOW BANGALORE WATERJET PRIVATE LIMITED** are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 24th September 2025, to the liquidator at the address mentioned against item No.10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with the proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

Submission of false or misleading proof of claims shall attract penalties.

Date: 28th August 2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Srinivas Thatikonda
Liquidator
IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00631/2018-19/11886
In the matter of FLOW BANGALORE WATERJET PRIVATE LIMITED
AFA NUMBER: No: AA2/11886/02/061124/202971 | AFA Valid up to 31/12/2025

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

शुद्धिः–पत्र

ई–एस एण्ड टी – प्रोजेक्ट–जेपी–2024–25–14 दिनांक 11/08/2025; **कार्य का नामः** उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे के जयपुर मण्डल में एलटीई/ यूएचएफ और कवच कार्य के सम्बध में लेटीस टावरों को लगाने का प्रावधान। **1. 'टेण्डर टेक्निकल रिजन की वजह से रद्द कर दिया गया है'।**

उप मु.सिंग.एवं दूर सं इंजी./II/परियोजना
1078-AN/25 उ.प.रे. जयपुर

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 15.00 Hours on 10-09-2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client, Mr.Srinivas.M S/o.Munikrishnappa, Aged about 36 years, residing at No.136, 7th Cross, Jakkasandra Extension, Koramangala, Bangalore -560034, has LOST THE ORIGINAL REGISTERED SALE DEED DATED 24.02.2012, REGISTERED AS DOCUMENT NO.BMH-1-09969/2011-12 OF BOOK-1, STORED IN CD NO.BMHD544, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SUB-REGISTRAR, BOMMANAHALLI, BANGALORE, LOST AT NEAR JAKKASANDRA LAYOUT BUS STOP ON 10.06.2025, BETWEEN 10:00AM TO 05:00PM. A COMPLAINT IS LODGED IN ONLINE DATED 28.08.2025 VIDE LOST REPORT BEARING NO.1772692/2025, Finders may return the same to the near Police Station or contact at the below address.

if any persons, firm, company, Financial institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they may contact the below mentioned address in writing within 15 days from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

BHASKAR.M,
ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS,
Office: #782/11, Ground Floor, 17th 'B' main Road 60th Cross, Near Lakshman Rao Skin Clinic, 5th Block, Bhasyam Circle, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010 **Land line:** 080-48520073

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Regional Office : 2254, Kousalya, 3rd Floor, Vinoba Road, Mysuru-570005

GOLD JEWEL PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

REGIONAL OFFICE MYSURU

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notice send to them by Register Post have been returned undelivered to the Bank. They are therefore requested to pay off the liabilities and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before **11-09-2025** failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Bank's premises between 10.30 a.m to 2.00 p.m on **12-09-2025** without further notice, at the absolute discretion of the Bank.

SL No	Date of Loan	Loan number / Branch Name	Name and Address of the borrower
1.	11.06.2024	Sukanya 108226540001520 Channapatna Branch	W/o Chidananda, 1725, 2nd Ward, Dodda Beedi Mangalavarapete Channapatna -562160
2.	05.03.2024	Sukanya 108226540001201 Channapatna Branch	W/o Chidananda, 1725, 2nd Ward, Dodda Beedi Mangalavarapete Channapatna -562160
3.	12.03.2024	Suma B R 123516540001682 Mandya Eab Branch	W/o Late Raju K H No. 115, 2nd Cross, Hosahalli Main Road Kasaba Hobli Mandya-571401
4.	05-06-2024	Sharat Rao Sindya 145816540002978 Harohalli	S/o Dasharathi Rao Sindya, No.-69, Jantha Colony, Near Water Tank, Harohalli-562112
5.	17-11-2023	Prakash S/o Gurusiddegowda 158626540002844 T Narasipura	S/o Gurusiddegowda, Gejjiganahalli Village, Gejjiganahalli Post, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore, Karnataka-571124

Note - Amount outstanding should include all liabilities of the party under Gold Loan as well as any other loan/ credit facilities.

Date : 29-08-2025
Place : Mysuru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

JHARKHAND MEDICAL & HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT & PROCUREMENT CORPORATION LTD.

MCH BUILDING, RCH CAMPUS, NAMKUM, RANCHI – 834010
(CIN-U85100JH2013SGC001276), E-mail: jmhidpc2014@gmail.com

Advertisement No: JMC-HR-01/HR-23/139/1378 **Dated: 28.08.2025**

Recruitment Advertisement

Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Development & Procurement Corporation Limited, a company under the administrative control of Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare, Govt. of Jharkhand, is engaged to unify the procurement of drugs, equipments, construction and development of infrastructure facilities, to take/grant on lease or otherwise health centres and other necessary logistics in order to maintain high quality, reduced costs, improve efficiency of supply and delivery to the Government Health Institutions etc in the State. The corporation also executes various directions issued by the Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare, Government of Jharkhand from time to time to ensure achievement of various health related activities in a time bound manner.

Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Development & Procurement Corporation Limited is looking for appointment of energetic and hard working candidate, on contract basis, who are suitable for the post and can provide results within prescribed time and agrees to abide by the rules and regulation as framed by Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Development & Procurement Corporation Limited for its employees from time to time.

The details of the vacancy are described below:-

S. No.	Name of Post	Number of Post	Remuneration (consolidated)	Qualification & Eligibility Criteria	Age
1	General Manager (Logistics & Quality Control)	1 (UR)	**For Contractual Recruitment** Grade Pay Rs. 6600 /- (Consolidated of Rs. **1,06,500/-** as per Finance Department, GoJ Circular No. 33/वि0 (संविदा) – 01/2009 – 2248/वि0, दिनांक – 27.09.2024)	**Minimum Qualification:** Applicant must have B.E. / B.Tech / B.Pharma regular Course. **Minimum Experience -** Minimum 12 years experience in Logistics Management of Drugs & Medical Equipments / Quality Control & well versed in Drugs & Cosmetic act 1940, Contract Law etc. Working in Govt. Sector will be preferred.	Maximum upto 50 yrs.

Terms of Engagement:

1. Contractual employment will be made for a period of 3 years from the date of appointment. The contract would be expandable on yearly basis for a further period of 2 years on the basis of satisfactory performance. However, contract may be terminated on the basis of unsatisfactory service without any notice.
2. Last date for receiving the application is **25.09.2025 till 5:00 pm** (On all working days from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM except holidays). Application received after last date/time will be refused/rejected.
3. The successful candidate will be required to execute contractual agreement along with service bond and their Services will be guided by the service rules of the Corporation.
4. The requisite qualification and experience and the application format is also available on the website - **https://jmhidpcl.jharkhand.gov.in**
5. Candidates are required to write "The name of the Post" applied for on the top of envelop in block letters.
6. How to apply: Duly filled in application form in prescribed format along with the self attested copies of proof of age, qualification (Mark sheets and other certificates) and experience should be sent through registered post/speed post to the "Managing Director, Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Development & Procurement Corporation Limited".
7. The list of shortlisted candidates for interview/Exam will be uploaded on the website - https://jmhidpcl.jharkhand.gov.in
8. The shortlisted candidate would be called for personal interview/Exam in Ranchi on the date and time communicated to them through email/sms/website only. The candidate will have to appear for written test/interview at their own cost, even at short notice.
9. Leave-The selected candidates will get maximum 14 days leave during a calendar year.
10. The Company reserves the right to cancel/postpone the recruitment process, wholly or partly, if so required. No claim will be admissible in case of such cancellation/postponement.
11. Canvassing in any form for selection will result in cancellation of the candidature of the applicants.
12. Incase the selected Candidate wish to leave job during the contract period she/he has to give one month prior notice or forego one month salary.
13. Incase any dispute which may arise out of this recruitment process the decision of competent authority will be final and binding to all candidates.

PR 360635 Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Dev & Procurement Corp Ltd(25-26)#D

Sd/-
Managing Director, JMHIDPCL

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Branch : Bidadi (0426)

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In terms of Reserve Bank of India circular No RBI/2021-2022/86 DOR.LEG.REC/40/09.07.005/2021-22 dated August 18, 2021. We hereby notify the bank's intention to break open the following lockers for non payment of rent as per the guidelines & laid down procedures given by the RBI. Below mentioned persons have hired safe deposit lockers from our branches but have not fulfilled the terms and conditions of the locker agreement. Under the circumstances, we are constrained to break open the lockers. Notice is hereby given to locker hirers/ Legal heirs/ Executors/Administrators that you shall approach the branch on or before **15.09.2025**, during business hours for making alternate arrangements, failing which, we will be constrained to break open the locker on or after **15.09.2025** and the contents of the locker will be sold in public auction or private sale through brokers, auctioneer or otherwise without any further notice. The sale proceeds will be appropriated towards the amount due to bank for costs, rents and other incidental expenses. If there is any surplus, the same will be credited to suspense account in the name of locker hirers on which no interest will be paid. If, however, the sale results in deficit, concerned locker hirer will be held responsible to pay such shortage.

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Centering elderly women: caring for the quiet majority

To truly support and empower elderly women in their health-seeking behaviours, India needs to move to more inclusive gender-sensitive health systems. Policies need to acknowledge the gendered path of Indian women and how these factors shape their ageing

Sathya Sriram

India is ageing, rapidly. And it is women who are living longer, but with poor health.

According to the *India Ageing Report 2023* as published by the International Institute for Population Sciences and the United Nations Population Fund, there will be a significant decadal increase in India's elderly population, with people aged 60 and above estimated to comprise over 20% of the population by 2050.

The average lifespan of women is more than that of men by 2.7 years, resulting in a demographic tilt favouring more elderly women. However, the McKinsey Health Institute estimates that women are likely to spend 25% more time in poor health compared to men, much of those in their later years, highlighting a health gap to be bridged.

Despite these sobering figures, the conversations about elderly women and their health stay in the shadows, with society treating them as passive dependents rather than as individuals with distinct needs and challenges. Add to this their care-giving and self-sacrificing instinct, and we have a large majority of elderly women, navigating public spaces in silence.

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Care-seeking behaviour

The social determinants of women's health go well beyond medical causes to include socio-cultural, economic, and structural factors. Health-seeking behaviour is defined as action an individual undertakes to obtain medical attention, what type of care they seek, and how they continuously manage that condition. Typically, this is influenced by access to information, disease perception, demographics, economic status, access to facilities, perceived quality of services, and socio-cultural beliefs. In the case of women, we need to layer on additional factors such as education, social conditioning, marital status, financial and digital dependency, and lack of gender-sensitive care facilities.

Indian women are socialised to prioritise family wellbeing over their own, and therefore, tend to deprioritise their health needs. In many patriarchal households, the spouse or adult children tend to be gatekeepers of the decision about when and whether an elderly woman seeks care.

Financial insecurity is a significant vulnerability among older women. A UNFPA study from 2011 reported that almost 60% of older women have no personal income. And, few elderly women have health insurance coverage. Less than 20% of women are able to pay their own medical bills, compared to 44% of elderly men. This high economic dependency tends to hold women back from seeking appropriate early medical care.

The digital gender gap is accentuated amongst the elderly, with far fewer women having access to digital devices, which impacts their access to health information and services.

An UNFPA study to understand the needs and challengers of older women in India, uncovered that two-thirds of older women are accompanied by their children or grandchildren (versus 41% among older men), indicating a higher level of dependency.

Insufficient access to female health providers as well information and diagnostics for women's health issues can delay care even if one reaches the facility. Once within the health system, women often need support in navigating its complex processes, which also deters them from accessing health services.

The more commonly discussed ageing-driven chronic conditions are cardiovascular (heart), cancers, and neurodegenerative (brain) diseases. However, the nuances of how women experience these conditions due to their physiological transitions and caregiving burdens are less acknowledged and far less studied.

In order to experience healthy ageing, women should have access to affordable and adequate healthcare throughout their lives. In India, healthcare expenditure is far less on women than men across all ages and socio-economic groups, further worsening health conditions later in life that are more likely to impede quality of life and cause disability.

Due to the hormone shifts post menopause, loss of muscle mass and nutritional deficiencies, the non-communicable diseases of hypertension, diabetes and cardiovascular illnesses tend to have more severe outcomes and complications in women. Furthermore, the decline in bone health is a substantial risk for osteoporosis and arthritis, which are much more common in women, yet under-diagnosed. The risk of fractures from falls is also significantly higher in women and can result in disability or limited movement that affects their mental well-being.

Once women move past the reproductive phase, the healthcare system barely considers their uro-gynaecological health. In lower income settings, women rarely have a gynaecological examination post childbirth. Cancers of the breast, cervix, ovaries, and uterus disproportionately affect older women and often go undiagnosed until late stages. Over 50% of breast cancer cases in India occur in post-menopausal women, yet screening awareness drops sharply with age.

A study analysing treatment patterns in Indian women aged 65 and above with breast cancer found that on average, treatment was less aggressive, but appropriate therapies (surgery and chemotherapy) could improve survival rates and lead to favourable outcomes.

The awareness and availability of vaccines is helping reduce the risk of cervical cancer amongst younger women; however, older women are still susceptible with limited access to, and frequency of, pap smears. Worse still is ovarian cancer, the most lethal gynaecological cancer, with a five-year relative survival rate of 17 % for a patient diagnosed at an advanced stage.

Certain neurodegenerative diseases, Alzheimer's and other dementias, are more likely to develop in women, both due to biological factors (oestrogen decline) and social conditions (longer lifespan, isolation due to loss of spouse). According to the Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI), women aged over 70 report higher levels of cognitive impairment yet are less diagnosed and treated compared to men.

Mental health issues among elderly women are under-reported, under-diagnosed, and under-treated.

As per HelpAge India, only 1 in 10 elderly women with depressive symptoms seek help – due to stigma as well as limited access to mental health services for the elderly.

Better care

Despite the many systemic challenges, elderly women in India proactively engage in many activities that enhance their well-being.

Socially, elderly women tend to be deeply embedded in family and community networks. These social engagements are potential protective factors against loneliness and cognitive decline.

Many women also find joy and purpose in routines that keep them physically and mentally active, such as walking groups, yoga classes, or taking up new hobbies such as painting or music.

Finally, educated women avail of better outpatient care, both in public and private facilities, making years of schooling the primary driver of choice.

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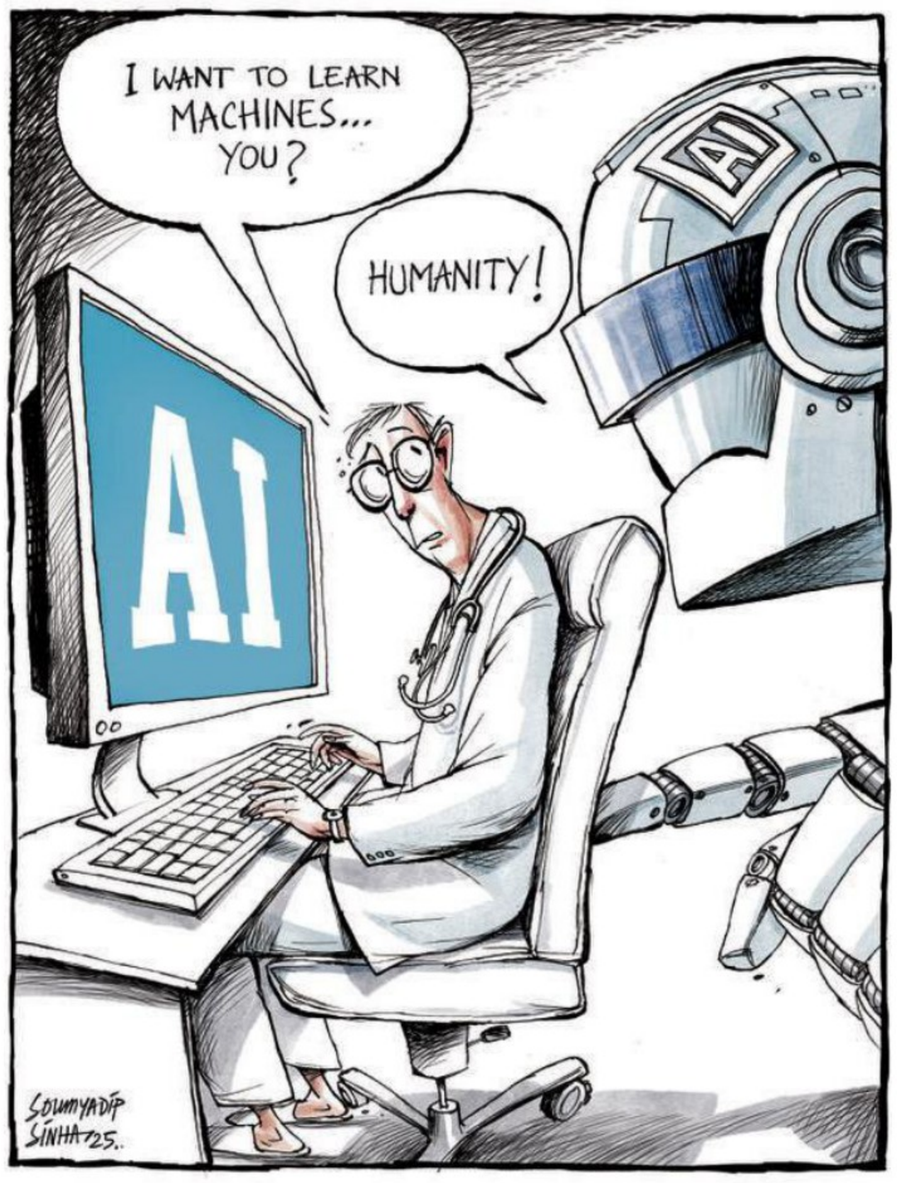


Beyond science fiction: artificial wombs and real progress of fertility treatments

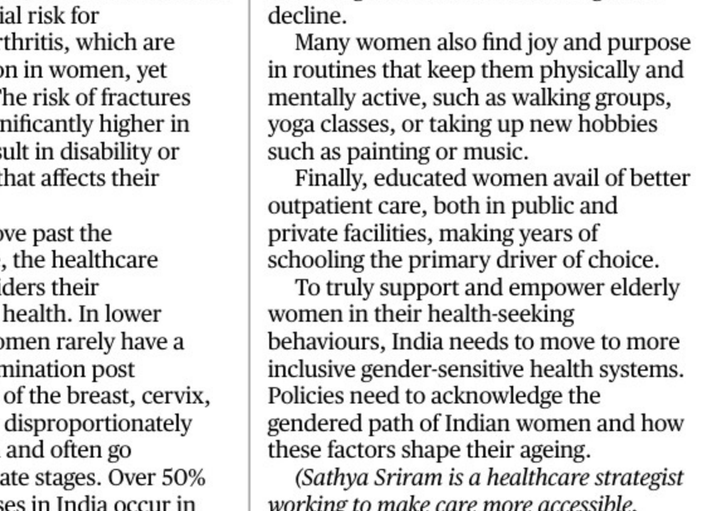
Gita Aravamudan

According to reports that surfaced on the internet last week, a Chinese firm announced plans to create the world's first pregnancy robot with an artificial womb. It was fake news, and all the major news outlets bought it. Because it made flashy sci-fi headlines especially in a world where anything seems possible with omnipresent Artificial intelligence (AI).

My book on surrogacy, *Baby Makers*, which came out in 2016 had a chapter called *Virgin Birth and Womb Banks*, where I discussed the possibilities of sexless reproduction and artificial wombs which could be enabled by cutting edge technology.

It sounded then like science fiction. And it still remains in the realm of science fiction. But though we are nowhere near producing an artificial womb which can gestate and nurture a human being, the research in this field has been on-going for quite a few years now.

More than 10 years ago when I was researching my book, I read about Hung-Ching Liu, Professor of Reproductive Medicine at Cornell University, U.S., who had engineered endometrial tissue by prompting cells to grow in an artificial uterus. Apparently, he was also able to successfully implant and grow the embryo of a mouse. In another experiment, Liu used cultured cells collected from a woman's womb and created an artificial womb using a scaffolding. Inside this womb he planted fertilised embryos left over from IVF cycles. In six days, the eggs implanted in it just as they would in a real womb. But his experiment had to end just 14 days later as researchers were not allowed to grow foetuses in the lab for more than 14 days. In other parts of the world too, exciting research was going on in this field. In Japan, goat foetuses were grown in a prototype womb. In New South Wales, an artificial womb designed to give birth to live sharks was successfully tested.



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Womb replacement surgery

Meanwhile, by 2014, womb replacement surgery had become a reality. Five women from Sweden and 11 from the U.K. had their wombs replaced. Two of the women had wombs donated by their mothers.

The first baby born from a womb transplant was in Sweden in 2014. Since then, around 135 such transplants have been carried out in over a dozen countries, including the United States, China, France, Germany, India, and Turkiye. Approximately 65 babies have been born as a result of such transplants. Galaxy Care Hospital in India has also achieved success with uterine transplants and has delivered babies from transplanted wombs.

As of now, artificial wombs are being used mainly to nurture preterm babies. The babies are placed in bio bags and float in a liquid mimicking the amniotic fluid found in natural wombs. An artificial placenta, which is connected to the umbilical cord, provides oxygen and nutrients.

Experiments are also on to try and produce eggs and sperm from stem cells.

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Circular railway survey faces delay; DPR in progress

'The 240-km stretch, requiring about 2,500 acres, is planned as a 50-year mobility solution, linking peripheral regions with the suburban rail and highways to ease traffic and boost connectivity'

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The ambitious Bengaluru Circular Railway project, announced by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in November 2023 as a long-term solution to the city's traffic congestion, has hit delays in its survey stage.

According to the South Western Railway (SWR), the survey has been delayed by nearly six months in multiple stretches, particularly around Channarayapatna village on the Devanahalli-Malur segment and Anekal area, due to farmers' agitations over land acquisition. Farmers in Vaddarahalli and Thirumagondanahalli have also sought realignment of the proposed route to safeguard agricultural land.

Bengaluru Circular Railway – proposed phases

- **Phase I:** Nidavanda – Doddaballapur – Devanahalli – Malur **(96 km)**
- **Phase II**: Malur – Anekal Road – Hejjala **(98 km)**
- **Phase III:** Hejjala – Solur – Nidavanda **(46 km)**

Total length: 240 km (3 phases, as per DPR plan)

Source: South Western Railway

Speaking to *The Hindu*, a senior SWR official said, "Ground surveys, including drone and Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) mapping, were completed only after assistance from the State Police and Railway Protection Force. The railway has assured that the project's Detailed Project Report (DPR) is being prepared with efforts to avoid habitated areas, heritage sites, religious structures, and water bodies."

The Circular Railway is planned as a 240-km network around Bengaluru, requiring around 2,500 acres of land. It is expected to be a 50-year mobility solution by connecting peripheral regions and integrating with the suburban rail system and National Highways, easing pressure on the city's road infrastructure while boosting connectivity for commuters and industries, according to officials.

To manage the scale and costs, SWR has proposed a phased implementation: Phase I: Nidavanda - Doddaballapur - Devanahalli - Malur (96 km), Phase II: Malur - Anekal Road - Hejjala (98 km), Phase III: Hejjala - Solur - Nidavanda (46 km). In total, the network will span 240 km in three phases under the DPR plan.

'Key role'

Union Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna had earlier described the project as an "ambitious and forward-looking plan" designed to transform Bengaluru's mobility landscape, stressing that it would play a key role in future-proofing the city's infrastructure.

"The DPR, once finalised, will determine the technical details. The DPR under preparation proposes funding by the Government of India," official added.

Bengaluru airport awarded Level 2 accreditation for accessibility

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has been awarded Level 2 Accreditation under the Airports Council International (ACI) Accessibility Enhancement Accreditation programme.

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"This recognition highlights the airport's commitment to building a truly inclusive travel environment – where infrastructure, technology, and human touch come together to empower every traveller," BIAL said.

Accessibility committee

Awarded under the Accessibility Enhancement Accreditation (AEA) programme, the world's only initiative dedicated to benchmarking and advancing accessibility in aviation, this programme by ACI assesses airports on facilities, services, and governance, recognising continuous improvements that embed accessibility into strategies, policies, and passenger experiences.

BIAL said that at the airport, accessibility is embedded into the very fabric of operations, shaping how the airport plans, designs, and delivers its services. A dedicated accessibility committee (including the airport stakeholders) steers initiatives that enhance facilities, services, and mobility solutions for Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRMs) and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

"These efforts are reinforced through continuous staff training to provide empathetic and personalised assistance, alongside ongoing infrastructure upgrades that ensure the journey through the airport is smoother, safer, and more dignified for every traveller. Beyond compliance, the approach reflects KIA's belief in creating a universally inclusive environment where travel is a seamless experience for all," BIAL said.

Satyaki Raghunath, Chief Operating Officer, Bangalore International Airport Ltd said, "We are honoured to be awarded the Level 2 Accreditation under ACI's Airport Accessibility Enhancement programme. At KIA, accessibility is not just a measure of infrastructure, but a reflection of our belief that travel should be inclusive, seamless, and experiential for every passenger. This milestone is the result of the tireless dedication of our entire team and the invaluable guidance from ACI, reinforcing our vision of building an airport that truly serves everyone."

Over 2.19 lakh Ganesha idols immersed in city; South Zone leads with over 79,000

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A total of 2.19 lakh Ganesha idols were immersed in the city on Wednesday, the day of the festival, according to data from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Bengaluru South Zone recorded the highest number of immersions with 79,039 idols on Wednesday, followed by the West Zone with 60,703, the East Zone with 44,000, and R.R. Nagar with 13,097. The other zones reported fewer than 10,000 immersions each.

Of the 2.19 lakh idols, 65,717 were immersed using mobile tanker facilities, while the remaining 1.53 lakh were immersed in lakes and kalyanis. Since only Sankey Tank was designated for immersion for West Zone pandals, just 12,888 idols were immersed in the lake arrangement, while 47,815 were handled through mobile tankers.

Citywide, BBMP has arranged immersion facilities at 41 lakes and kalyanis, along with 489 mobile tankers made available to the public.

BBMP workers immersing a Ganesha idol at Ulsoor Lake in Bengaluru on Thursday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

BBMP Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao said the immersions went smoothly on the festival day and that necessary arrangements were in place for the following days as well.

When asked about the widespread use of plaster of Paris (PoP) idols despite the ban, Mr. Rao said that organisers are being asked to explain whenever PoP idols are found in public places, and awareness efforts are ongoing. "We will initiate action against them, but we also need to consider the sentiments of the people," he added.

Dharmasthala case: More sections of BNS added against complainant

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) which has arrested the 45-year-old complainant in the case of alleged Dharmasthala mass burials, has added eight more sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against the complainant in a case registered against him.

According to SIT sources, it has added Sections 227 (giving false evidence), 228 (fabricating false evidence), 229 (punishment for false evidence), 230 (fabricating false evidence with intent to procure conviction of capital offence), 231 (fabricating evidence with intent to procure conviction of life imprisonment), 236 (false declaration), 240 (giving false information), 248 (false charge), and 336 (forgery) of the BNS.

Meanwhile, Kusumavathi, mother of Soujanya, who was raped and murdered near Dharmasthala in October 2012, filed a petition with the SIT on Thursday.

In the petition, she sought narco analysis of the complainant in light of the latter's interview to a YouTube channel wherein he claimed that a room boy (who is not alive now) in a Dharmasthala lodge, had told him (complainant) of raping and murdering Soujanya.

The SIT reportedly told her that it would consider subjecting the complainant to a narco analysis.

The witness protection granted to the complainant on July 11 by a committee headed by Dakshina Kannada District Principal District and Sessions Judge Basavaraj has continued.

Online booking a must for hill station visits

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Tourists visiting the hill stations of Chikkamagaluru taluk will need to book online in advance starting from September 1. The district administration has decided to restrict the number of vehicles allowed to the hill stations to 1,200 per day to prevent congestion on the narrow lanes and ensure the safety of visitors.

The Chikkamagaluru district administration, in a communication to the media on Thursday, stated that the administration will allow a maximum of 1,200 vehicles in two sessions per day.

The first slot will be between 6 a.m. and 12 p.m., and the second will be between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. This applies to those planning to visit Mullayyanagiri, Seethalayyanagiri, Sri Guru Dattatreya Bababudan Swamy Darga, and Manikyadhara on the Chandradrona Hilly Ranges.

The vehicles would include 100 two- or three-wheelers, 100 yellow-board taxi vehicles, 50 tempo travellers, 50 ten-seat vehicles, and 300 cars/jeeps/SUVs in each session. The number includes vehicles of those visiting homestays and resorts as well.

The entry fee for cars is ₹100, ₹150 for 10-seater (Toofan), ₹200 for tempo traveller and for two-wheelers it is ₹50.

Two techies duped of ₹2.2 crore in investment scams

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The first and second victim were duped of ₹1.31 crore and ₹91 lakh respectively in separate cases

Two techies from the city were duped of ₹2.2 crore in total by cyber fraudsters in investment scams. The Cybercrime police are now probing both cases and trying to track down the accused by following the money trail.

In the first case, 31-year-old Tanmay Mukherjee, a software engineer from Whitefield, lost ₹1.31 crore when he started investing money in the stock market through an app, which he reportedly downloaded through a link sent to him from an unknown number.

Initially, Tanmay invested ₹50,000 through the app and made a decent profit within hours on June 28. Following this, he reportedly invested all his savings amounting to ₹1.31 crore. However, when he tried to withdraw the money later, he was allegedly asked to invest more to be able to do so. Realising that he had been duped, Tanmay approached the police and filed a complaint on Monday.

Another incident

In a seperate incident, a 36-year-old software engineer from D.J. Halli was defrauded of ₹91 lakh. In his complaint, the victim said that on July 16, he received a job offer through a message on his Telegram account, which claimed that he could earn ₹5,000 to ₹10,000 per day if he accepted the same. The victim then contacted a person identified as Dhanya from Chennai, who reportedly asked him to review hotels in exchange for a remuneration in the form of commissions.

According to the victim, he was then added to a Whatsapp group, where he found people investing money and earning profit on the same day. As the victim contemplated doing the same, the accused allegedly lured him with an offer of an anniversary bonus for an investment of ₹1 lakh with an assured return of ₹1.5 lakh. He reportedly followed the procedure and earned ₹2 lakh. Following this, he started investing more by borrowing money from his wife and mother to the tune of ₹91 lakh, as per the complaint.

The fraud came to light when the victim allegedly failed to withdraw the amount even after repeated attempts, following which the accused advised him to invest more in order to get back the money. The victim filed a complaint with the police on Tuesday.

Neglected walkway linking Indiranagar-Domlur restored after social media post by Canadian

Priyanka Vaadulasha
BENGALURU

The long-neglected pedestrian walkway linking Domlur and Indiranagar in east Bengaluru has finally been restored and opened for the public after a Canadian man posted a video highlighting the sad state of the walkway.

The 200-m pedestrian stretch was revived in a joint effort by the BBMP and citizen collective Bangalore Walks as part of Project Walkaluru. The pedestrian walkway had been lying neglected for over a decade with poor maintenance.

Caleb Friesen, a Canadian man, had posted a video showing the struggle involved in taking the walkway, triggering discussion on social media platforms. Soon, a restoration initiative was taken up.

The restored 200-m pedestrian stretch between Domlur and Indiranagar in Bengaluru, on Thursday.

"BBMP and Bangalore Walks have been in collaboration since December 2023 and have been working on restoring walkways primarily in the city's CBD area, including M.G. Road, Vasanth Nagar, Hosur Road, and Richmond Road. This was a critical connection we were always keen on," said Snehal R., East Zonal Commissioner, BBMP.

"The stretch had overgrowth of shrubs, which had to be trimmed; absence of streetlights for the pedestrians; excess debris along the way; and most critically, the water clogging where the outlets were covered with silt, which had to be handled," she said.

She further emphasised that it was a joint contribution, where BBMP primarily carried out the cleaning process as part of its regular maintenance expenditure quota, with both the forest and solid waste management departments working cohesively together.

While Bangalore Walks provided for the aesthetics of the walkway, including painting the electrical engineering wing, it took charge of mending the streetlights.

"If we had to map 40 to 50 km of interconnected footpaths in Bengaluru, this stretch was a bottleneck junction, which had a pause in the midst of a highway, creating a node, and was one of the interrelated problems," said Arun Pai, founder of Bangalore Walks.

"The work was a quick response to a social media post, but that was a final push for months of restoration that is being carried out at multiple points in the city; it was neither overnight nor novel," he said.

Timings
BENGALURU

FRIDAY, AUG. 29		
RISE	06:08	SET 18:32
RISE	10:49	SET 22:28
SATURDAY, AUG. 30		
RISE	06:08	SET 18:32
RISE	11:39	SET 23:12
SUNDAY, AUG. 31		
RISE	06:08	SET 18:31
RISE	12:31	SET 23:59

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	23
Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	28	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be dry. Day will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be pleasant. Short spell of light rain and thundershower may occur.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Land sanctioned for new IIM in Pimpri Chinchwad

70 In acres. The Maharashtra government has sanctioned the land in Moshi, Pimpri Chinchwad, near Pune, to set up a new Indian Institute of Management (IIM). Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule said the decision followed directions from Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. PTI

Number of Gazans facing famine conditions

5.1 in lakhs. The World Food Programme (WFP) says it currently delivers 100 aid trucks daily into Gaza which is far below 600 trucks that entered during the ceasefire. WFP chief Cindy McCain warned that the modest food aid increase is "not nearly enough" to stop starvation. REUTERS

Deaths in northern Thailand from Typhoon Kajiki

5 Typhoon Kajiki has killed five people and injured 15 in northern Thailand, where flash floods and landslides have struck 12 provinces. More than 6,300 residents and 1,800 households have been affected, with at least seven people reported missing. Authorities warn water levels may rise as heavy rain is forecast to continue through next week. REUTERS

Civilians including children killed in Kyiv attack

14 The overnight barrage also damaged the European Union mission's building in Kyiv. Residents sought shelter in subway stations. Ukraine's air force reported Moscow launched the second-largest overnight barrage so far. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy condemned the strikes as "deliberate killings". AFP

Number of persons displaced in eastern Pakistan due to floods

2.5 in lakhs. Rescuers in boats raced to reach stranded families in Pakistan's populous eastern Punjab province on Thursday, after three major rivers burst their banks because of heavy rain and the release of water from overflowing dams in neighbouring India. AP

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Which sectors are worst hit by tariffs?

How high are the new U.S. tariffs on Indian exports? Which sectors are likely to feel the most pain? What has been the immediate impact on shrimp, textiles, and jewellery? Which sectors are likely to face only a modest impact? What short-term support is the government planning?

EXPLAINER

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan

The story so far:
The 50% tariffs imposed by the U.S. on imports from India came into effect on August 27, sending ripples through the Indian economy and the government. Several sectors, many of them labour-intensive, have the U.S. as a major export destination, and many are already seeing a significant dip in demand. The government is cognisant of this and is devising a plan to support these sectors, at least in the short term.

How do we know which sectors will be worst affected?
The intensity of the impact of tariffs can be arrived at by looking at three metrics in combination: the amount exported to the U.S. in absolute terms, the share of the U.S. in that sector's total exports to the world, and the final tariff that sector is facing.

If a sector exports a large amount to the U.S., the U.S. forms a major part of its total exports, and the tariffs are high, then the pain felt by that sector will likely be high. However, if the U.S. forms a small share in a sector's total exports, then the impact is likely to be limited.

Which sectors are likely to see a severe impact?
According to data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India exported about $2.4 billion worth of shrimp to the U.S. in 2024-25, making up 32.4% of its total shrimp exports. Earlier, the U.S. only imposed a 10% countervailing tariff on shrimp from India. However, the addition of the 50% tariff now takes this total to 60%.

Major impact: Several sectors, many of them labour-intensive, have the U.S. as a major export destination, and many are already seeing a significant dip in demand. GETTY IMAGES

Reports indicate that exporter purchase prices of shrimp in Andhra Pradesh – the source of the majority of India's shrimp – fell by about 20% following the 25% tariff imposed on August 7. Prices are likely to fall further due to the current 60% tariff.

India exported $10 billion worth of diamonds, gold, and jewellery to the U.S. in 2024-25, accounting for 40% of total exports in this sector. Tariffs have now risen from 2.1% to 52.1%. Reports from hubs like Surat already show that production cuts are underway. Surat's diamond polishing industry itself employs about 12 lakh people.

One of the worst-hit sectors is likely to be India's textiles and apparel exports sector. These exports to the U.S. stood at $10.8 billion in 2024-25, with apparel alone accounting for $5.4 billion. Further, the U.S. accounts for 35% of India's apparel exports. The sector now faces a 63.9% tariff, up from the previous 13.9%.

"Tiruppur exporters are rushing shipments while cancelling new styles," said the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) in its report. "Noida-Gurugram has frozen planned capacity expansions and is considering downsizing, Ludhiana reports a slump in yarn and fabric demand, with working capital under stress, and Bengaluru units are preparing for shift cuts as buyers push for offshore production."

India exported $1.2 billion worth of carpets to the U.S. in 2024-25, which makes up 58.6% of total carpet exports. Tariffs have increased from 2.9% to 52.9%.

Other significantly affected sectors include handicrafts, leather and shoes, furniture and bedding, and agricultural products such as basmati rice, spices, tea, pulses, and sesame.

Which sectors will see a more modest impact?
India's export of organic chemicals to the U.S. stood at $2.7 billion. This made up 13.2% of India's total exports. The sector now faces 54% import tariffs, up from the previous 4%. The exporters' body, CHEMEXCIL, and industry bodies have already approached the government for some intervention.

India exported $4.7 billion worth of steel, aluminium, and copper to the U.S. in 2024-25, about 17% of India's total exports of these metals.

"While the U.S. is not the largest market for Indian metals, it is critical for hundreds of SMEs in the Delhi-NCR engineering belt and eastern foundry hubs," GTRI said.

"The tariff threatens to disrupt jobs in stainless steel, aluminium casting, and copper semi-finished goods, putting severe pressure on small and medium exporters reliant on U.S. orders."

India exported $6.7 billion worth of machinery and mechanical appliances to the U.S. in 2024-25, making up 20% of its total exports. This sector is also expected to face a drop in demand.

Is the government planning to help these sectors?
Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Commerce and Industries Minister Piyush Goyal have been repeating the 'swadeshi' mantra and asking Indians to 'go vocal for local', so that the economy can reduce its dependence on exports. Apart from this, *The Hindu* reported on August 13 that the government is working on a multi-ministry plan to ease the short-term pain of exporters.

In the medium to long term, the government is working with exporter bodies to diversify their export destinations and make better use of existing free trade agreements. The Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra has also said that the central bank stands ready to provide whatever help it can.

THE GIST

- Severe impact is expected on shrimp, diamonds and jewellery, textiles and apparel, and carpets due to tariffs rising up to 60%, with reports of production cuts, price falls, and downsizing.
- Moderate impact will be felt in organic chemicals, metals, and machinery exports, with SMEs and exporters' bodies seeking intervention.
- The government is working on a multi-ministry plan, promoting the 'swadeshi' and 'vocal for local' push, while also aiming to diversify export destinations.

Why U.S. is ending duty-free imports of low-value goods?

What does this mean for global trade and businesses?

Garimella Subramaniam

The story so far:
Postal and courier services worldwide are bracing for logistics disruptions, as the U.S. eliminates duty-free imports of low-value goods, effective August 29. Set at a maximum purchase threshold of $800 per person per day, shipments of merchandise ranging from textiles to toys, cosmetics, and electronic accessories have until now been covered under the de minimis exemption – Latin for "too small to be trifled with". These imports will now face tariffs based on the country of origin. The duty exemption was reversed in May for imports from China, which accounts for over 50% of de minimis imports, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency. This dealt a severe blow to the country's leading e-commerce platforms, like Temu, and textile retailers such as Shein. The latest move is part of the barrage of measures the Donald Trump administration has embarked upon to narrow the U.S. trade deficit with the biggest economies, prevent intellectual property theft, and block the influx of counterfeit products. Opponents claim that the abolition of the duty exemption would reduce aggregate welfare by between $11-$13 billion and disproportionately hurt the poorer, citing a National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) study.

What is the de minimis regulation, and how did it work?
The de minimis regulation, rooted in Section 321 of the 1930 Tariff Act, allowed American tourists to send home souvenirs without incurring taxes. In the 1990s, the rationale of the provision was recast as a trade facilitation and liberalisation tool designed to reduce transaction costs for businesses and consumers. When Congress quadrupled the value of exempted goods from $200 to $800 in 2016, the number of items that were eligible for coverage was also expanded.

An important consideration behind the move was to balance administrative costs with potential revenue earnings in the wake of the exponential rise in imports into the country in recent years. Fresh tariffs during President Trump's first term may have paradoxically contributed to the proliferation of trade via the postal route. About four million deliveries were estimated to be processed daily under the de minimis exemption scheme. The volume of imports had increased from 134 million in 2015 to 1.36 billion in 2024, according to the White House.

How does this fit into previous international agreements?
The removal of the duty-free exemption recalls a 2019 bargain that Mr. Trump extracted from the 192-nation-strong Universal Postal Union (UPU) 2019 in a bid to block other nations from free-riding on the American economy.

The UPU conceded to the U.S. demand to hike postal rates applicable for exporters from developing nations, which Washington maintained were substantially lower than the costs incurred by domestic customers. The administration further reasoned that the anomaly had incentivised the flood of Chinese goods into the U.S., putting domestic importers at a disadvantage.

Are there international parallels?
The European Union has proposed a handling fee of €2 for products directly imported by individuals, and a €0.5 fee received by warehouses. The aim is to crack down on dangerous and illegal goods flooding the single market and distorting competition in the 27-country bloc. Crucially, the reform shifts responsibility for direct purchases made by individuals onto Chinese e-commerce platforms, which must furnish additional data to customs officials for closer scrutiny. In a related move, imports into the EU last year of 4.6 billion low-value parcels – a four-fold increase over 2022, 90% of which were from China – have brought to the fore the termination of the €150 duty-free threshold, offering greater protection to consumers and businesses.

What does this indicate about global trade?
Together, the U.S. and EU actions on low-value imports are a most telling statement that the basic pillars of the post-war world order, exemplified among others by the World Trade Organization, are being systematically undermined by its founding architects.

Evidence that the multilateral framework is near collapse can be gathered from the inability of sovereign and independent nations to formulate a concerted response to Mr. Trump during recent negotiations over bilateral trade agreements with Washington. Most notable of these is the EU's trade pact with the U.S.

The writer is Director, Strategic Initiatives, AgnoShin Technologies

THE GIST

- Postal and courier services worldwide are bracing for disruptions as the U.S. eliminates duty-free imports of low-value goods, affecting shipments of merchandise such as textiles, toys, cosmetics, and electronic accessories, and impacting e-commerce platforms like Temu and retailers such as Shein.
- The actions signal that the basic pillars of the post-war world order, exemplified by the World Trade Organization, are being systematically undermined, as sovereign nations struggle to coordinate responses to these unilateral trade measures.

Pregnant techie dead; husband arrested for 'dowry harassment'

Family of the 27-year-old deceased, identified as Shilpa B. Panchangamatha, cry foul play; allege that she was murdered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Sadduguntepalya Police have arrested a techie-turned-pani puri vendor after the suspicious death of his pregnant wife at their house in BTM Layout on Wednesday, following allegations of dowry harassment and murder by his in-laws.

The accused, identified as Praveen, married Shilpa B. Panchangamatha, 27, in 2022. The couple had a 2-year-old son and at the time of her death, Shilpa was pregnant with their second child.

Both worked as techies; however, only a year after their marriage, Praveen left his software job and opened a pani puri shop, while Shilpa quit her job after delivering her first child.

Shilpa B. Panchangamatha along with her husband Praveen.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

After Shilpa was found dead at their residence on Wednesday, her mother Sharada and sister Soumya alleged that Praveen and his family initially informed them that she died of a heart attack, but later claimed that she had ended her life.

They alleged that Praveen and his family members placed Shilpa's body on the bed even before the police could reach the spot. Questioning the circumstances under which she was found dead, her family members alleged that Praveen and his mother had murdered Shilpa.

Case registered

Based on Sharada's complaint, the police have arrested Praveen and registered a case under Section 80 (dowry death) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and relevant sections of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

In her complaint, Sharada alleged that they had given a dowry of 150 gm of gold ornaments to Praveen during his wedding with Shilpa. "Praveen's mother Shantavva also abused my daughter and insulted her constantly. Unable to bear the torture, Shilpa had come to our home four months ago, but we helped her reconcile with Praveen and his family, before sending her back. Once, I had given her ₹5 lakh cash before she returned home to Praveen," Sharada said in her complaint.

"If she had ended her life, why did they remove her body before the police arrived, and why did they initially claim that it was a heart attack? It is a preplanned murder," a close relative of the victim told media persons on Thursday.

Soumya alleged that Shilpa's mother-in-law used to body shame her frequently, calling her short and dark, and often demanded money.

(Those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help.)

Woman and stepson electrocuted to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A woman and her stepson were electrocuted to death and the stepdaughter was injured when an electric wire came in contact with iron poles they had put up to dry clothes outside their house in Karnala village on the outskirts of Doddaballapur on Tuesday.

The deceased have been identified as Lalithamma, 50, and her stepson Sanjay, 45, a farmer. The injured Lakshmamma, stepdaughter has been admitted to hospital for treatment.

According to the police, Lalithamma is the third wife of Lakshmi Narayanappa. She had gone to take the clothes she had hung to dry outside her house.

An electrical wire connected to the adjacent house, which is under construction, passed through Lalithamma's house and came in contact with the iron pole.

When Lalithamma went to take the clothes, she was electrocuted and died on the spot.

Hearing some noise Sanjay went to check on her, but he was also electrocuted and died on the spot. Lakshmamma, who rushed out and saw the duo lying on the ground, tried to help them, but she also suffered an electric shock and sustained injuries.

Soon, neighbours with the help of an wooden plank pulled them away and rushed them to a hospital, before alerting the police.

The police rushed to the spot and got the power line disconnected to prevent further damage.

The Bescom officials inspected the site and found that the electric wire which passed through the victim's house skinned out and had come in contact with the roof of the house, which used iron poles and binding wires, leading to the accident.

Probe under way

The Bescom officials are further investigating the accident, while the Doddaballapur police have registered a case of unnatural death and awaiting report for further investigation.

Power disruption

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) has announced power disruptions in various parts of the city from Friday, to Sunday, due to essential maintenance and infrastructure upgrade work.

On Friday, power supply will be disrupted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in areas serviced by the 66/11 kV Telecom Layout MUSS for quarterly maintenance.

The affected areas include: Hosahalli Main Road, Arfath Nagar, Padarayanapura East and West, Devaraj Urs Nagar, Jagjivanram Nagar, Sangam Circle, Oblesh Colony, V.S. Garden, Rayapura Binnypet, Mysore Road (1st to 3rd Cross), Janata Colony, Shamana Garden, Ranganatha Colony, Anjanappa Garden, Doreswamy Nagar, S.D. Mutt, Cottonpet, Akkipet, Manavarthipet, Sultanpet, Nalbundwadi, Chickpet Metro Station vicinity, Telecom Layout, Ambedkar Layout, Nagamma Nagar, Cheluvappa Garden, Maripanapalya, K.P. Agrahara, KPS Mutt, Gangappa Garden, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, and Agrahara Dasarahalli.

Additionally, from August 29 to 31, BESCOM will carry out HTLS conductor stringing work on the Sarjapura-Attibele Line between tower numbers 58 and 59.

Applications invited

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru City University's Centre for Global Languages is accepting applications for its 8-month certificate programmes in Undergraduate and Postgraduate Diploma courses. The courses offer training in French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Russian.Interested candidates can contact at 080-29572019 or visit the university office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is proposing to enter into a transaction with respect to the land bearing **Survey No.2/5** measuring **10 (Ten) Guntas** excluding 0.08 guntas of karab land, situated at **Huthanahalli Village, Jala1 Hobli, YalahankaTaluk, Bengaluru Urban District,** morefully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property"** as detailed below. The Schedule Property is owned by Sri. Pillappa H S/o. Hanumaiah **("Owner").**

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property or against the Owner must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within **Six (6) days** of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within **Six (6) days** from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the Owner with respect to the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within **Six (6) days** from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **Survey No.2/5** measuring 10 (Ten) Guntas excluding 0.08 guntas of karab land, situated at **Huthanahalli Village, Jala1 Hobli, YalahankaTaluk, Bengaluru Urban District** and bounded on its:

East by : Land in Sy No.20;
West by : Land in Sy No.2/4C;
North by : Land in Sy No.2/4A; and
South by : Land in Sy.No.24;

C V SHEELVANT, Advocate
No. 57, "Umachandra" 2nd Main, 6th cross, Ganesh Nagar Layout, Virupakshapura, Kodigehalli, Bangalore – 560097.
Mobile : 9448279592
Bangalore Date : 29-8-2025

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

No. GSU/CPM/JP/NIT/25-26 Date: 27.08.2025

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Chief Project Manager, **Gati-Shakati unit**, North Western Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works upto 15:30 hours on the date shown as below: **Sr. No.: 1. Tender Notice No: GSU-SnT-JP-2025-26-14. Name of work with location**: Dy. CSTE (GSU) JP Division: Signaling work in connection with Longer loop line under Yard remodeling work at Himoda Station in Jaipur - Madar Section of Jaipur division. **Approx Cost of work**: Rs. 2,19,80,516.38. **Bid Security**: Rs.2,59,900/-. **Sr. No.: 2. Tender Notice No: GSU-SnT-JP-2025-26-15. Name of work with location**: Dy. CSTE (GSU) JP Divsion: Signalling work in connection with Provision of Additional Loop line at Mandavariya station of Jaipur division. **Approx Cost of work**: Rs. 4,96,78,289.75. **Bid Security**: Rs.3,98,400/-. **1.** Detail is available on North Western Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in** and Notice Board in CPM/GSU/Jaipur Office, NWR/Jaipur. **2. Tender No. GSU-SNT-JP-2025-26-14 are be closed on 24.09.2025 at 15:30 hrs and opened on 24.09.2025 at 16:00 hrs. GSU-SNT-JP-2025-26-15 are be closed on 24.09.2025 at 15:30 hrs and opened on 24.09.2025 at 16:00 hrs.**

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Dy.CSTE/Project Office, Jodhpur
प्रथम शुद्धि पत्र
निविदा संख्या **SNT-PROJ-JU-RE-06-2024-25**
First corrigendum to Tender Notice No.: SNT-PROJ-JU-RE-06-2024-25
उक्त निविदा में निम्न संशोधन प्रस्तावित है। In the above cited tender notice following corrigendum is issued: **Date of bidding:** 08.09.2025; **Date of Tender opening:**: 22.09.2025 (15:30 Hrs.) **1.** Change in Annexure-F of Tender document. **2.** NS item No.18 modified in NIT as item No.26 निविदा पत्र की बाकि नियम एवं शर्तों में कोई परिवर्तन नहीं किया गया है The others terms and conditions in the original tender will remain unchanged
उप मुख्य सिग व दूर संचार अभि./परियोजना
1080-AN/25 **Dy.CSTE/Project/JODHPUR**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that, my client Mr.Shambu Linge Gowda S/o Sri. Shive Gowda lost Original Sale deed bearing document no.BDH-1-01147/2013-14, dated 15-06-2013 registered at the Sub-Registrar office Shivajinagar(Bidarahalli) Bangalore North, pertaining to the immovable of the of Site No.129, Katha No. 751/129, Converted Survey No. 33/2b, K. R. AMOGHA RESIDENTIAL LAYOUT, measuring 750 Square feet and bounded on East by: Private property and site No.36, West by : 25 feet wide road, North by : Site No.130, South by : Site No.128 Situated at KAMMASANDRA VILLAGE, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk was lost, in this regard a complaint lost report No.1772315/2025 was lodged before the Bangalore City Police on 28-08-2025. If any person/s finds the said documents kindly inform the above said stated person or address mentioned below. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on my client and they shall do so at their own risk.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that **SRI. RAJASHEKHAR REDDY** is the absolute owner of the **Item No.01 And SRI.M.RAJASHEKAR and SRI.K.MUNIKRISHNA** are the sole and absolute owners of the **Item No.02 of schedule property** and they have offered our client to develop the same into multi-storied residential apartment.

Any person (s), having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 15 days hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to take up assignment of development of the same. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.19/1, measuring 20 Guntas situated at Ittagalpura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded as follows, On the

East by : Road;
West by : Remaining portion of Sy. No.19/1 Purchased by Sri. Chekuri Siddhardha Raju;
North by : Government Road;
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.19/2.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.19/4,** Old Sy.No.19/2, measuring **1 Acre 03 Guntas** situated at Ittagalpura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded as follows, on the

East by : Honnenahalli Road;
West by : Remaining Portion of the same Sy.No. belongs to Sri Nadimpalli Ramakrishna Raju;
North by : Land belongs to Sri. Narayanamma ;
South by : Ittagallapura Road.

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No. GIMS/KLB/Tender/BB/CR/18/2025-26/1410 Date:-26-08-2025.

:: TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement) ::

Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi invites tender for eligible bidders in bid system (Techno-commercial Bid & Financial Bid) in e-procurement 2.0 mode for the SUPPLY OF "BLOOD BANK CHEMICAL & REAGENTS" For Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital, Kalaburagi. Details are available in the site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Last date and time for upload of e-tender in E-procurement platform as follows.
1) Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website-https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in : No. GIMS/KLB/Tender/BB/CR/18/2025-26, Date:26.08.2025. IND. No: DME/2025-26/IND1652 2) Last Date for Queries : 01-09-2025 at 17:00 pm, 3) Pre-bid Meeting : 04-09-2025 at 12:30 pm, 4) Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before : 10-09-2025 at 4.30 pm, 5) Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid : 11-09-2025 at 05:00 pm, 6) Opening of Tenders Financial bid : 12-09-2025 at 11:30 am, 7) Tender amount : Rs. 61,73,173=00 8) EMD : Rs. 1,54,500=00, 9) Contact Details : Director GIMS Kalaburagi veresh Nagar sedam road Kalaburagi 585105. Office Email: directorgimsgulbarga@gmail.com Land Line:08472-260252, Cell:+91 9482093568, Tender Section Email: gimstenderklb22@gmail.com Cell:+91 9972688602

Sd/- Director,
Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi.
DIPR/Kalaburagi/444 /KSMC&A/2025-26

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No:CIMS/APPO/NON TEACHING/03/2025-26 Date: 22.08.2025

NOTIFICATION FOR NON TEACHING STAFF RECRUITMENT AT CIMS-CHIKKAMAGALURU

Applications are invited for recruitment of the following contractual staff on fixed consolidated pay at Chikkamagaluru Institute of Medical Sciences Chikkamagaluru.

Sl.No	Name of the post	No. of posts called	Nature of appointment
1	Assistant Librarian	01	The initial period of appointment is for 06 month and shall be Extendable every 6 months with one day break based on performance report submitted by the head of the concerned department.
2	Medical Record Technician	01	
3	Audio- Visual Technician	01	
4	Dental Technician	01	
5	OT Technician	04	
6	X-Ray Technician	01	
7	Ventilator Technician	01	
8	Oxygen Technician	01	
9	Blood Bank Technician	01	
	Total	**12**	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: **1**. The terms and conditions of staff to be employed in CIMS, Chikkamagaluru will be as per guidelines of implementation of rules and regulation by Department of Medical Education, Government of Karnataka. **2**. Qualification & Pay: As per notification and guidelines by Department of Medical Education, Government of Karnataka. **3.** The appointment shall be on contract basis on monthly consolidated. **4.** Appointments shall be bound by CIMS Chikkamagaluru, Bye-laws and C & R rules, and KCSR Rules wherever applicable. **5.** Candidates working in Government sector/ Government Autonomous Medical colleges must produce "No Objection Certificate" from Head of the institute/Competent Authority in which the candidate is presently working. **6**. Candidates shall send their duly filled application forms & other relevant attachments duly self-attested by REGISTRED POST ONLY to the DEAN AND DIRECTOR, CHIKKAMAGALURU INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, TEGURU VILLAGE, CHIKKAMAGALURU **7**. Candidate should mention on the top of application envelop "Name of the post applied: - **8.** Last date of receipt of application to the official address is before 5.00 PM on 10-09-2025. **9**. In person submission of application shall not be entertained. **10**. The Candidates should submit application form along with D.D in favor of "The Director, Chikkamagaluru Institute of Medical Sciences" Payable at Chikkamagaluru. **11.** No TA DA will be paid to the Candidates. **12**. For more details on application forms, visit our website: https://cimsc hikkamagaluru.karnataka.gov.in

Note: If any candidate wishes to apply for more than one post, he/she shall fill application forms for desired posts separately and shall attach Demand Draft for each post separately. APPLICATION FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE.

Sd/- Dean & Director, CIMS. Chikkamagaluru

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Description of work	Due date
252633 000198	Imported Limestone for LSFM - Cement Plant.	12.09.2025
252623 002103	Procurement of Heavy Duty LDPE Shrink Film Roll, 70 Microns of various sizes (100 CM, 110 CM, 120 CM & 135 CM) for TNPL Unit - II.	15.09.2025
252613 003902	Sodium Soap (Imported / Indigenous) required for Deinking Plant.	12.09.2025

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only. For further details please visit websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
(Two Packet System)

Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction)-III, North Western Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tender. Tenderer shall on-line submit their original/revised offer before the date and time of closing of E-tender. **E-Tender Notice No.: NWR-SC-Civil-13641940. Name of work with location:** Major Upgradation of Sanganer (Jaipur) Railway Station of North western Railway. **Approximate cost of work:** ₹ 84,56,14,857.26. **Earnest Money to be deposited:** ₹ 43,78,100/-. **Completion Period:** 24 (Twenty Four) Months. **Closing Date & Time of submission of on line E-tender: 15.00 Hrs.** on **18/09/2025. Website particulars where complete details of E-Tender can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in Note:** No manual tender will be accepted.

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SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)(Two Cover System), KW-1,2,3&4

Reg :This office tender Notification No. 8/2025-26 Dated:28/08/2025

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division, Dharwad, invites tenders in Standard Bid Document **KW-1,2,3&4** through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible contractors for the work under Various Head of Account Maximum Estimate Amount: Rs.**490.00** Lakhs, Maximum E.M.D amount Rs.**7.35** Lakhs and Minimum Estimate Amount: Rs.**5.00** Lakhs, Minimum E.M.D amount Rs.6250 Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal is from **01/09/2025 to Next 30 days** upto17:30hrs. any other Corrigendum/Addendum and Postponement of Notification, Changes in the dates, if any will be published only through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website **@ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** are final.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
M.I & G.W.D. DIVISION,
DHARWAD

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No: EE(BG)/E-Proc/06/2025-26 Date: 28-08-2025

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)
CALL - I. (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi BBMP, invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Package
1	Renovation, Repairs of KH Kala Soudha Auditorium Building in Ward No. 196 in Basavanagudi Constituency (Call-I). **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 56.06, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 113000/-.** Period of Completion: **6 months.**

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender Documents may be Downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **29-08-2025, 15.00 hrs onwards 2)** Last Date & Time for uploading tender documents: **12-09-2025 upto 17.00 hrs. 3)** Pre-Bid Meeting on **08-09-2025 at 16.00 hrs. 4)** Opening of technical document: **15-09-2025 upto 11.00 hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Basavanagudi Division, BBMP, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client states that, below mentioned original document in respect of schedule property document has been misplaced/lost i.e, Unregistered sale Agreement dated 05/10/2020, Executed in favor of **Ms. ANUSHKA NUNES.** in respect of the Flat/Apartment bearing No.11035, situated on 3rd Floor, **WING A,** Wing in Block, **BLOCK-01,** in **"PRESTIGE WATERFORD"** Apartment. measuring Super built up area is 1775 Sq.Ft, and UDS is 1775/13,61,771th Sq.Ft, along with Two Car parking in Basement/Ground Floor, in Schedule A property is Converted Sy No.123, 127 & 128, situated at Pattandur Agrahara village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now within the jurisdiction of Pattandur Agrahara, Ward no.82 of B.B.M.P and presently bearing clubbed Municipal No.1386, admeasuring 16 Acres 36.50 Guntas (including 16 Guntas of kharab & 291.05 Sq.mts earmarked for road widening), and bounded on **East by- E.CC Road and thereafter Sy No.145 of Pattandur Agrahara Village, West by- Sy.No.122 & 124 of Pattandur Agrahara Village, North by- Sy No.129 & 130 of Pattandur Agrahara Village, South by-Remaning Portion of Sy No.127 & Sy No.125 & 126 of Pattandur Agrahara Village,** and the same is not traceable immediately, we hereby called upon the public if anyone found the above said document, kindly handed over to undersigned immediately and they may be suitably awarded, and also we further bring into the notice of the general Public that in case anyone dealing with the schedule property on the basis of the above said Original documents in respect of the Schedule property, same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal Act. Therefore, we call upon the general public not to deal with the schedule property on the basis of above said Original unregistred sale Agreement which stands in the names of **Ms. ANUSHKA NUNES.,**

SCHEDULE

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I, NITIN Narayan Rao Deshpande s/o Narayan Rangarao Deshpande. r/o:No. 102, Shiva Sai Acrcade, 9th Mn, 5th Crs, HRBR Layout, Blr–560043. Have changed my name as Nitin Narayan Deshpande. Vide affidavit on 26/08/2025.

I, THULASY Rakhesh, W/O Rakhesh Sukumaran, R/O 1011 Sobha Primrose, Off Outer Ring Road, Bellandur, Bangalore - 560103,have changed my name to Thulasy Mohandas V M. Sworn before notary P Nanjunda, Bangalore Dated 26.08.2025

I, SAJEED Mohsin, S/o. Mohsin Shariff, residing at #28, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, S.K.Garden, Benson Town Post, Bengaluru 560046, have changed my name to Sajid Mohsin vide Affidavit Dated: 28/08/2025, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

I, SHELNA E.J, W/o Baiju Mathew, r/at No.T3, Harisadan Apts, Malleshpalya Main Road, Opp.Vignan Nagar Bus Stand, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore 560075 have changed my name as Shelna Baiju vide affidavit dtd 28.08.25 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bluru

I, Utsav Jayeshkumar Bhavsar R/o A1-103, Sls Splendor, Devarabisanahalli, Bellandur, Bengaluru, 560103 have changed my minor son's name from Dhvanit to Dhvanit Utsav Bhavsar for all purposes.

I, Huvaji S/O, Mallikarjun Kalal R/o 22/2 Srimurari Grand Apt G-003 3rd Cross Basapura Main Ec Phase 1 Bangalore 560100 have changed my name to Huvaji Kalal for all purposes.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RIZWANA Khanum Spouse of Sanaulla Khan.H, resident of No.21, Flat No.02, 1st Floor, 2nd cross Road(Nilgiris Road), St.Thomas Town Post, Kammanahalli, Bengaluru-560084 have changed my name from Rizwana Khanum to Rizwana Khan vide affidavit dtd 28.08.25 sworn before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bangalore

I, GLORIA Mariaselvan, W/o. Maria Selvam Manickam, residing at #C-4/19, BDA Flats, Kallahalli, Siven Chetty Garden, Bengaluru 560042, have changed my name to Gloria Maria Selvam vide Affidavit Dated: 28/08/2025, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

TENDERS

THE PONDICHERRY CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD., NO. P.1

Ref No: Ponlait / e-Tender / Pur. / Polyethylene Pouch Film / 2024
Date: 28.08.2025

E-Tender for the Supply of Polyethylene Pouch Film for packaging Liquid Milk, Curd and Butter Milk to PONLAIT

www.pudutenders.gov.in

(e-Tender id: 2025_COOP_ 19630 _1)
Last Date for Submission: 22.09.2025 before 04.00 P.M.
Contact: 0413-2271505, 98654 51533
e-mail id: ponlaitmd@gmail.com
e-procurement cell: 0413-2220225
MANAGING DIRECTOR

IN THE LIMELIGHT

The music room portraits from '*Dandadan*' season 2. CRUNCHYROLL

Why *yōkai* refuse to die: Japanese folklore reimagined in the age of *Dandadan*

Yukinobu Tatsu's hit series scavenges the detritus of Japanese folklore, reanimating the occult as a maximalist punk-rock spectacle for the 21st century; it transforms traditional *yōkai* and urban legends into outrageous, hyper-stylised characters that thrive in the digital age

Ayaan Paul Chowdhury

For centuries, Japanese folklore has seethed with shapeshifters, grotesques, tricksters, vengeful ghosts, and objects that come alive when left alone too long. But the word *yōkai* – a neat compound of two kanji meaning "suspicious" and "doubtful" – has resisted the simple taxonomy of goblins and ghouls. They are not quite demons, not quite gods, but emissaries of animism, or the belief that anything and everything might house a restless soul. Priests developed rituals to pacify these forces, separating the benevolent *nigi-mitama* from the violent *ara-mitama*. When the latter went untended, they curdled into yokai, requiring rites of *chinkon* to soothe them back into balance.

Sometimes they're mischievous foxes or long-necked women, sometimes a sandal or a teapot that suddenly develops eyes and limbs. Edo-period artists such as Toriyama Sekien catalogued these *yōkai* into detailed bestiaries, while scholars like Kunio Yanagita famously collected tales of such entities in *Tōno Monogatari*, but the truth is that the line between invention and tradition has always been blurry.

By the 20th century, modernisation eroded the daily intimacies that once made *yōkai* seem plausible. Many of the old spirits relied on a pre-industrial familiarity with land and ritual. Who, after all, still feared a haunted inkstone, or the bucket that drew water from a well? Yet new technologies were quick to refill the vacuum. Kamishibai storytellers, penny manga rental shops, and television carried *yōkai* into mass consciousness. Shigeru Mizuki, creator of *GeGeGe no Kitaro*, codified an entire new bestiary in print. Others, like Arifumi Sato, conjured fresh monsters – like the skeletal *gashadokuro* or the vampiric *jubokko* – and sold them to children in encyclopedias. Purists grumbled that such inventions cheapened tradition, forgetting that Sekien himself was guilty of the same game.

Rather than ossifying, Japanese occult lore has proven remarkably elastic. Old ghosts jostle beside new urban legends, with schoolgirls whispering about Hanako in the bathroom, or Kuchisake-onna, the slit-mouthed woman asking if she's beautiful. Today, for most young Japanese, *yōkai* live in phone screens and horror manga panels.

Hyper-stylised punk folklore

It is precisely in this atmosphere of constant mythological remix that Yukinobu Tatsu's *Dandadan* felt inevitable. The manga, and its riotous anime adaptation, operate as a series of carnivalesque séances. Ghost stories, UFO conspiracies, exorcism rites, and juvenile romance all collide at maximum decibel, producing a hyper-stylised punk folklore for the 21st century. Where earlier storytellers sought to render spirits legible, *Dandadan* thrives on exaggeration, spectacle, and the absurd impossibility of it all. It is a story about how superstition survives in the digital age by remixing itself until it feels contemporary again.

Among its rogue's gallery of spirits, there's Turbo Granny, a hag-turned-drag racer who skewers the old Japanese famine-era practice of abandoning the elderly in the mountains. She's crass, vindictive, and impossibly quick, but also oddly protective – doling out tenderness to the ghosts of abused girls and castrating any man foolish enough to trespass on her turf.

Meanwhile, the Acrobatic Silky is a red-draped mother in a plate-like bonnet, leaping rooftops in search of her lost child. It's an Edo-period legend re-skinned for the parkour generation. Then there's the vertical pupils and serpentine dances of the Evil Eye, reducing mortals to suicidal impulses. The *yōkai* doubles as a riff on the Internet-era specter of the *Kunekune* – a thin, writhing figure spotted from afar that supposedly drives onlookers insane if they approach.

One of the oldest schoolyard rumours in Japan is that the portraits in the music room – of Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, etc. – watch you after dark. *Dandadan* takes the joke literally, turning them into tulpa assassins who hurl weaponised symphonies. Also soon to make an appearance in the anime is Reiko Kashima, *Dandadan*'s version of the Kuchisake-onna, re-imagined as a muscular, crown-wearing rival with a complicated relationship with vanity.

The series digs deeper into cryptid territory as well. The rural snake-thing Tsuchinoko gets a *Dune*-inspired makeover as the Mongolian Death Worm, worshipped as Orochi-sama and fed with human sacrifice. The Loch Ness Monster or "Nessie" drifts in too, reborn in the radioactive image of *Shin Godzilla*. And when the real-life pulp journal *Super Mystery Magazine MU* pops up, the show knows it's part of the same cottage industry of curated weirdness.

One recent episode from the anime features the HAYASii – parodies of traditional *hayashi* festival musicians – recast as leather-clad headbangers channeling a Slipknot-like bombast. Their exorcism is powered by decibels alone, with feedback, double-kick drums, and shrieking guitars that rattle yokai into submission. The English dub doubles down on the gag with tracks laid down by members of DragonForce and Megadeth, turning the ancient *chinkon* rite meant to soothe restless souls into a full-blown death-metal séance that doubled, accidentally, as an homage to the late Ozzy Osbourne.

The anime's viral opening theme from its first season, *Otonoke* by Creepy Nuts, also captured this mood board of contemporary occultism perfectly. It's crammed with Easter eggs and references to modern horror stories like Sada-chan and Kaya-chan, Internet legends like "Kinkisaki", and numerological taboos around 4:44 AM. Even M. Night Shyamalan manages to sneak in.

'Esoteric doctrine'

The title itself plays with the suffix *-dan*, meaning "story," recalling *kaidan* (ghost stories) or *kidan* (strange tales); and its repetition – "Dan-da-dan" – has the rhythm of a chant, a drumbeat, or the stutter of a retro anime sound effect. Later revelations in the manga even tie its cosmology to Buddhist texts on the Womb Realm and enlightenment. In other words, the show shifts seamlessly from pop-cultural parody to esoteric doctrine.

This willingness to collage is, in its way, faithful to how *yōkai* have always worked. Most of the creatures we think of as "traditional" today were popularised by artists, novelists, and kabuki playwrights. Folklore was always protean. It was imagined to be consumed, laughed at, feared, and recycled. The sense that it functioned as a closed canon is a modern illusion. *Dandadan* simply continues the process, updating the imagery for a generation that spends more time on YouTube than in Shinto shrines. Where *yōkai* were once invoked to explain why crops failed or children fell sick, they now serve as vessels for adolescent anxieties about friendship, sexuality, and belonging. They are alive because they are believed in, and because they are still fun to tell stories about. Which, for folklore, is the only kind of immortality that matters.

Dandadan is currently streaming on Crunchyroll

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Michael Jackson was born on August 29, 1958. Here is a quiz on the 'king of pop'

Vighnesh P. Venkitesh

QUESTION 1
Name the music group with which Michael Jackson began his music career.

QUESTION 2
Name Jackson's autobiography, which is also one of his iconic dance moves.

QUESTION 3
In which music video did Jackson first feature the step that his autobiography is named after?

QUESTION 4
Which of Jackson's works, one of his biggest hits, features zombies?

QUESTION 5
Name the movie studio that Jackson is reported to have almost bought, and the superhero character from the studio which he wished to play.

Visual Question:
Name the sporting event where the viewership attracted by this performance by Jackson in 1993 marked a turning point and paved the way for a popular trend. GETTY IMAGES

Questions and answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1.It is the only championship not cancelled for any reason since its inception. Other championships were cancelled for which reasons in history? **Ans: World Wars I and II, COVID-19**

2. From 2022, revised tiebreak rules were initiated and standardised in the final set for all four majors. What is this extended tiebreaker? **Ans: First to ten points, win by two**

3. In 1973, the championship became the first to do this with the winners. **Ans: It became the first Grand Slam tournament to award equal prize money to men and women**

4. Who is the only individual to have won the U.S. Open singles titles on all three surfaces? **Ans: Jimmy Connors**

5. In the Open Era, three players have won the most Singles titles, at five. **Ans: Jimmy Connors, Pete Sampras, Roger Federer**

Visual: Identify this player. She has also achieved another feat, tied with Serena Williams. **Ans: Chris Evert, most Singles titles in the Open Era**

Early Birds: K.N. Viswanathan | Mahendra Singh Charan | Tamal Biswas | Erfanally Oosmany | Sumana Dutta

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

Let us look at some Australian terms and the normal usual terms in English.

General

* backblocks/outback: remote country areas;
* billabong: waterhole in a drying river;
* bludge: to shirk; to scrounge; an easy task; a period of idleness;
* bombora: submerged reef, or the turbulent water above it;
* brumby: wild horse;
* chunder: vomit;
* cobber: mate, friend;
* coolgardie safe: dampened box or cupboard for keeping food cool;
* digger: Australian soldier, Australian;
* dilly bag: bag of woven grass or reed fibre;
* dinkum: genuine; honesty;
* drongo: fool; worthless or clumsy person;
* furphy: unfounded rumour;
* galah: fool, dunce;
* glory box: bottom drawer, trunk for a trousseau;
* kelpie: sheepdog breed;
* larrikin: hooligan;
* the mallee: bush country;
* ocker: matey, unpolished Australian male;
* pavlova: meringue cake with fruit;
* sheila: woman;
* Shiralee/swag/bluey: tramp's bundle of belongings;
* skite: to boast;
* squatter/pastoralist: large-scale sheep or cattle farmer;
* strine: broad Australian English;
* swagman: tramp, vagrant, or itinerant worker;
* tucker: food;
* waddy: club or stick;
* warrigal: dingo, or wild horse;
* wobble board: fibreboard sheet that booms when shaken, used as a musical instrument;
* wowser: puritan, killjoy, prude

Plants and wildlife

* bandicoot: rat-like marsupial;
* barramundi: long edible lungfish;
* casowary: large flightless bird;
* coolabah: eucalyptus tree on river banks;
* dingo: wild dog;
* echidna: burrowing, egg-laying mammal, the spiny anteater;
* emu: large flightless bird;
* eucalyptus: gum tree;
* galah: pink and grey cockatoo;
* goanna: monitor lizard;
* kookaburra/laughing jackass: raucous kingfisher;
* kurrajong: evergreen tree;
* lorikeet: small, brightly coloured parrot;
* lyrebird: pheasant-like bird;
* platypus: egg-laying mammal with a broad bill and webbed feet;
* taipan: venomous snake;
* tasmanian devil wombat: small, fierce, flesh-eating marsupial furry burrowing marsupial.

Published in The Hindu on November 11, 1997

Word of the day

Altruism:
the quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others

Synonyms: compassion, kindness, generosity

Usage: *She showed altruism by helping the poor.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/altruismpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /æltruɪzəm/

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5 ISRO technologies transferred to private companies

The recent set of transfers, facilitated by IN-SPACe, takes the total number of Technology Transfer Agreements executed with industries to 98

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

IN-SPACe says the transfer is aimed at enabling wider applications of space technologies in sectors such as automotive, biomedical, and industrial manufacturing. REUTERS

The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) has facilitated the transfer of five technologies developed by ISRO to five Indian companies.

IN-SPACe which is the single window agency for all space sector activities of private entities, said that the transfers are aimed at driving commercialisation, strengthening self-reliance, reducing imports, and enabling wider applications of space technologies in sectors such as automotive, biomedical, and industrial manufacturing.

For biomedical use

It added that one of the technologies, the Low Temperature Co-Fired Ceramic (LTCC) Multi-Chip Module, developed by Space Application Centre (SAC), enables the integration of multiple semiconductor chips into a single compact module.

This has been acquired by M/s Voltix Semicon Pvt. Ltd., Pune, for biomedical use, particularly in RT-PCR kits requiring high-volume production. Voltix currently depends on imports for this technology; the Transfer of Technology (ToT) will enhance domestic capability and self-reliance.

For solar panel bonding

Another, the RTV Silicone Single-Part Adhesive (SILCEM R9), developed by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), is a room-temperature curable adhesive. It has been acquired by M/s Crest Speciality Resins Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad, for solar panel bonding.

"At present, this adhesive is imported; the ToT will ensure local availability, reduce dependence on imports, and boost indigenisation," IN-SPACe said.

For industrial use

The other three technologies that were transferred to industries are Azista Composites Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad - Film Adhesives EFA 1753 and EFA 1752 developed by VSSC; Ananth Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad - 30W HMC DC-DC Converter developed by UR Rao Satellite Centre (URSC); and Pushpak Aerospace India Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru - Anodisation of 3D-printed Al-10Si-Mg alloy developed by URSC.

"These transfers highlight the growing capability and confidence of Indian industry. While some of these technologies will directly substitute imports, others will unlock applications well beyond the space sector. The true impact will be realised when industry scales them up for widespread use. IN-SPACe, together with ISRO and NewSpace India Limited, will remain a partner in enabling that journey,'" Pawan Goenka, chairman, IN-SPACe, said.

Rajeev Jyoti, director, Technical Directorate, IN-SPACe, said that with the transfer of the five Technology Transfer Agreements (TTAs), the total number of TTAs executed with industries has reached 98.

DSEL develops mobile app for live tracking of govt. schools

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) is all set to introduce a mobile app for inspection of all activities in government and aided schools in the State, including infrastructure, midday meals, attendance of students and teachers, and teaching-learning functions.

The testing of this app has been conducted successfully and officers have already been trained to use the same. After the official launch of the app, it will be mandatory for all DSEL officials to visit every school in the State every month, and upload the latest information on the app. "This app will be helpful in getting information at the fingertips along with live updates about the facilities in all government schools of Karnataka," said K.V. Trilok Chandra, Commissioner of Public Instruction.

Karnataka has 52,036 government and aided schools, with about 53.3 lakh students. DSEL officials, including the Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Block Education Officer, Cluster Resource Person, Block Resource Person are expected to visit all government and aided schools to inspect the facilities and educational activities, and submit written reports to higher authorities.

However, it has been observed that officials often do not submit thorough reports on time. As a corrective measure, DSEL is introducing the app to monitor infrastructure development and educational activities in schools.

"Officials now file physical reports of inspections, which cannot be collated easily, proving to be a hurdle to monitor school development. The inspection app will contain all information, including the District Information System for Education (DISE) code of each school. As soon as the official inspecting a particular school enters the DISE code, a checklist to be verified will appear. As per that checklist, the officers should inspect the school and update the information. With the help of this, we will get a centralised depository of all the information on a live basis," Mr. Chandra explained. This database will be mapped with the Students Achievement Tracking System. In addition, the Lesson Based Assessment marks of each student, which is a new system introduced from this academic year, will also be uploaded on the inspection app.

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ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.08.2025

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Village : Machohalli								**Hobli:** Dasanapura								**Taluk :** Bangalore North	
1	Meenakshi W/o H. Manjunath, Rashmi K.M bin H Manjunatha, Devika K.M.bin H Manjunath (Joint)	134	2	Dry	1	29	0	2	1	27	1.96	0	10	134/2 Remaining	134/1	135	Kodigehalli boundry
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3	Meenakshi W/o H. Manjunath, Rashmi K.M bin H Manjunatha, Devika K.M.bin H Manjunath (Joint)	135	2	Dry	1	22.08	0	0	1	22.08	1.82	0	31.08	135/2 Remaining	135 /1	Pipe line	134
Village : Kodigehalli								**Hobli:** Yeshwanthapura								**Taluk :** Bangalore North	
4	Kadaiah S/o Karebyrappa, C.Narayana S/o Chinnappa, Smt Bharathi R. Shetty, Saraswathi S.Shetty, T. Manjunatha Prasad S/o Thimmaiah, Premakhanna S/o Ganesha Khanna, U.Keshavashetty S/o Madaiahshetti, Babu Ishmil S/o Khasim, V.K.Gangaiah S/o Kapanaiah, R.V. Gangahanumaiah S/o late Venkataiah,G Adikeshvan S/o Guruswamy Naidu, Kanthraju S/o late Hombalaiah Urf Gundappa, Kantaraju S/o late Gundappa,Sandya W/o Chandrakumar, S. M.Mukhiyar S/o late Siddik Pasha, Gangahanumaiah R.V. S/o late Venkataiah, V.K. Gangaiah S/o Kapanaiah Premakumari W/o Hanumanthaiah,Lakshmmma W/o late Rangaswamaiah	55	2	Dry	16		1	20	15	3	9.5	0	12	Remaining land of Sy. No. 55/2 P.R.R-2	P.R.R Road Sheegehalli gadi	Sy. No.53	Remaining land of Sy. No.55/2
5	H.B. Boregowda S/o H.B. Boraiah	156	7	Dry	1	11	0	6	1	5	1.66	0	7	Remaining land of Sy. No. 156/7	P.R.R Road Sy.No.53	Machohalli Gadi	Remaining land of Sy. No.53
Village : Sheegehalli								**Hobli:** Yeshwanthapura								**Taluk :** Bangalore North	
6	Sairaghava Selfar for Animal	74	3	Dry	0	28	0	0	0	28	0.95	0	5.8	74/1	74/3 Remaining	71	74/2
Village : Kannalli								**Hobli:** Yeshwanthapura								**Taluk :** Bangalore North	
7	Shivananda	57	1	Dry	0	19	0	0	0	19	0.60	0	0.08	57/1 Remaining	57/1 PRR-2	58/1	57/2
8	Vasanth kumar K	57	2	Dry	0	23	0	0	0	23	0.73	0	0.08	57/2 Remaining	57/2 PRR-2	57/1	58/1
9	Bhadramma W/o late Channagangappa, Bhadramma W/o late Channagangappa, Bhadramma W/o late Channagangappa, Bhu.pa	58	1	Dry	3	17.08	0	2.05	3	15	4.25	0	14	58/1 Remaining	58/1 PRR-2	58/4	57/1
10	Channamaregowda S/o Channigappa, Channamaregowda S/o Channigappa, Bhu.pa	58	6	Dry	3	16.08	0	1.08	3	15	4.25	0	9	58/6 Remaining	58/6 PRR-2	58/1	58/10
11	B.Pushvathamma W/o S.Shantharaju	68	6	Dry	0	20	0	0	0	20	0.68	0	5				
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12	Govindappa S/o late Hanumanarasaiah , Anjinamma @ Tayamma bin late Dasegowda	55	--	Dry	5	6	0	1	5	5	6.5	0	10	55 PRR-2	55 Remaining	45	56
13	Channamma W/o late Puttaiah, M. Narasihmaswamy S/o Muniyappa, Chandrappa S/o late Krishnappa, C. Gowramma W/o M. Channegowda	77	--	Dry	2	27	0	2	2	25	3.5	0	9	77 Remaining	77 PRR-2	58	Sulikere Gadi
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14	Nagaraju S/o late Gangahanumaiah	3	8A2	Dry	0	20.12	0	12	0	20	0.57	0	6	3/8A2 PRR-2	3/8A1	3/10	3/6, 3/7
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17	M/s Padmashri Charitable Trust for Sathish and Dr. Ashwathnarayan C.N	144	--	Dry	4	0	0	0	4	0	4.53	0	16	144 Remaining	144 PRR-2	143	145
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ಸಹಿ/– **ಅಪರ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,** ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

6 from DK killed in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Six people died and two others were injured after a Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus, proceeding from Kasaragod in Kerala to Mangaluru, hit two autorickshaws and bystanders near Talapady Cross on the National Highway 66 in neighbouring Kerala.

The incident occurred in the Manjeshwar police station limits in Kasaragod district on Thursday.

According to KSRTC sources, the accident took place at around 1 p.m., when driver of the bus drove on the flyover instead of taking the service road and encountered a blind spot and rammed the autorickshaw in which four passengers were travelling.

It was said that after the incident, the driver jumped from the bus and fled the spot. Without control, the vehicle started to move in the reverse direction and knocked down two bystanders, before hitting another autorickshaw.

The accident happened due to overspeed and slippery condition of the highway, the sources said, adding that all tyres of the bus were in good condition.The Kerala police gave names of the deceased as autorickshaw driver Hyder Ali, 47; Khadeeja, 60; Hasna, 11; Nafeesa, 52; Ayesha Fida, 19; all from Ajjinadka in Kotekar in Dakshina Kannada; and Avamma, 72, of Farangipete in Dakshina Kannada. Laxmi, 61, and Surendra, 39, both from Perumbala in Kasaragod, were injured.

Women gig workers demand implementation of new legislation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Demanding immediate implementation of the recently passed Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2025, hundreds of women gig workers of Urban Company held a gate meeting at the company's Karnataka headquarters here on Thursday.

The women workers, who sought urgent redressal of the alleged exploitative practices, have been raising concerns over arbitrary ID blocking, unfair rating systems, forced product purchases, job allocations in far-off areas , without compensation, and lack of grievance redressal against harassment and abuse from customers.

"The continued neglect of partner/worker concerns is unacceptable, and therefore we were compelled to hold a peaceful gate meeting.

This urgent action is in direct response to the new measures introduced under the Partner Onboarding Workshop (POW), particularly the stricter cancellation policy where one cancellation is now counted as two, forcing partners to complete 100 jobs instead of 50 to make up for a single cancellation," said a statement issued by the Gig and Platform Service Workers Union (GIPSWU).

The workers called on company management to immediately sit down for a structured dialogue with elected worker representatives and implement the provisions of the new Karnataka law without delay.

Public talk on September 6

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Murthy Trust, in collaboration with the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, is organising a public talk titled 'From Paper Microscopes to Global Change: Story of Frugal Science' by renowned scientist Manu Prakash, Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University, USA, on September 6. The event will take place at Sir Puttanna Chetty Town Hall at 5 p.m.

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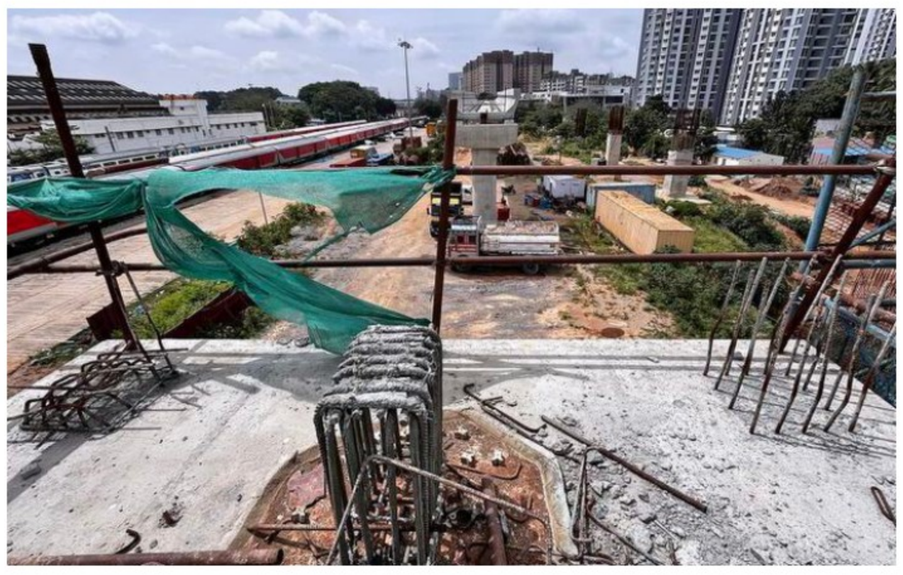
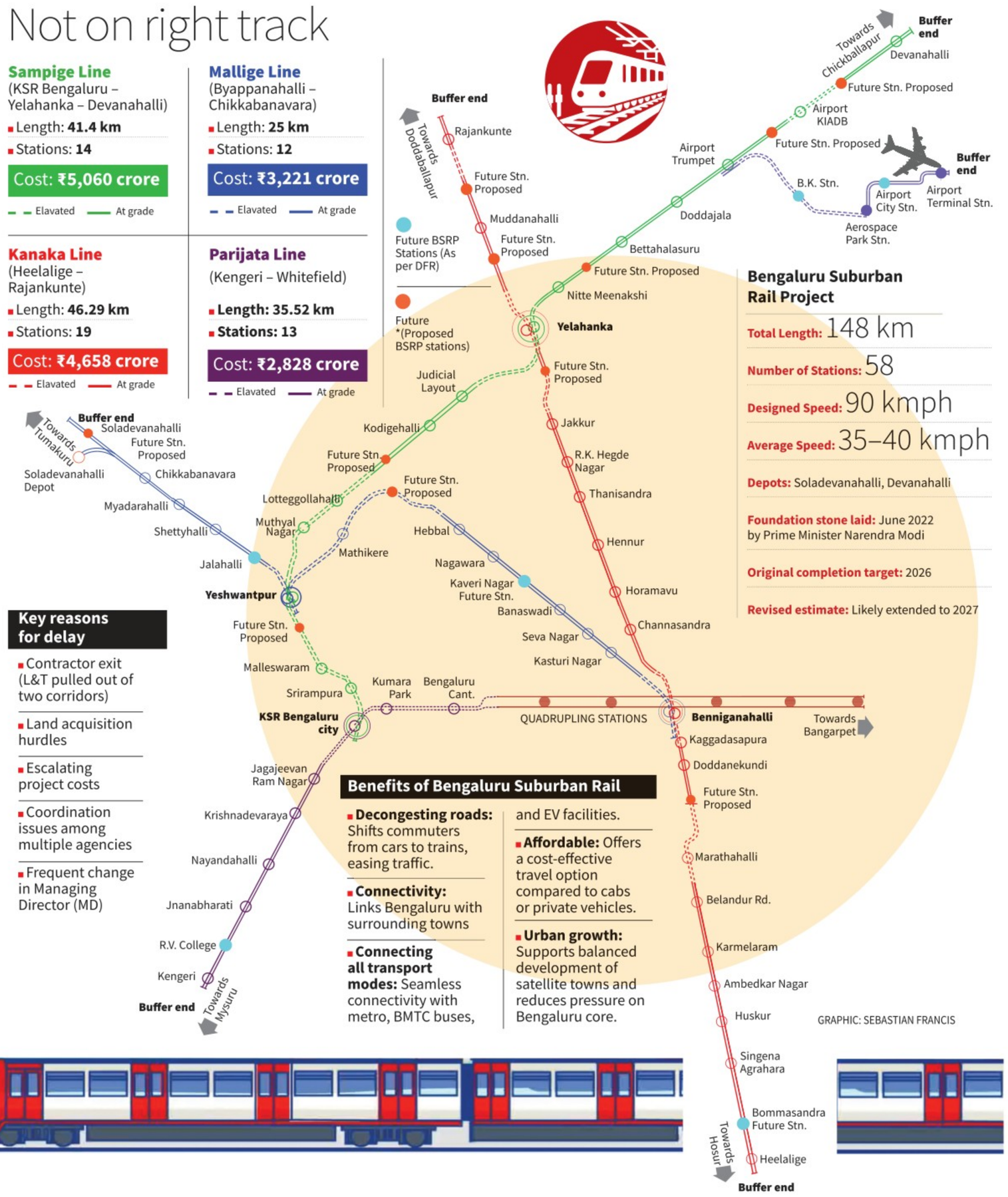


For Bengaluru, a city that has grown exponentially and faces daily gridlocks, the suburban rail could have been a lifeline had it been implemented decades ago. SUDHAKARA JAIN

A dream derailed

Touted as the third pillar of public transport after BMTC and Namma Metro, the ambitious Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project is mired in delays, contractor exits, and land acquisition hurdles, finds ***Darshan Devaiah B. P.***



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> **RAJKUMAR DUGAR,** Founder of Citizens for Citizens

In the puzzle to solve Bengaluru's traffic nightmare, the long-delayed Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP) was billed as the third pillar of public transport after Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Namma Metro.

The project was sanctioned in October 2020 after decades of deliberation and was designed to carry nearly 20 lakh commuters every day across Bengaluru and its outskirts. It envisaged modern nine-coach air-conditioned trains running at high frequencies of five to 12 minutes along four corridors stretching 148 kilometres and covering 58 stations.

The sanctioned cost of ₹15,767 crore was seen as an investment in not only mobility, but also economic efficiency and environmental sustainability. Corridor One, running between Majestic and Kempegowda International Airport, was given priority and was originally scheduled to be completed by October 2023, well ahead of the full project deadline of October 2026.

3 years on, little progress

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone in June 2022, he assured citizens that the 148-km network would be delivered within 40 months, ending a 40-year wait. That announcement had generated a wave of optimism across Bengaluru, where traffic congestion has long been a daily torment. Yet, more than three years after the sanction, the reality is starkly different. Progress on the ground has been very slow.

The project suffered another major setback in August 2025, when L&T, the contractor for Corridor Two from Chikkabanavara to Benigenahalli and Corridor Four from Heelalige to Rajankunte, unilaterally terminated its contracts. The move caught many by surprise and drew sharp criticism from the Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprises (K-RIDE), the implementing agency. K-RIDE stated that the contracts were valid until September and October, 2026 respectively and did not permit unilateral withdrawal.

The K-RIDE accused L&T of violating agreement conditions and pointed out that the company had made unreasonable demands, such as mid-project price revisions and a shift from the agreed Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) model to an itemised Bill of Quantities (BOQ) structure. These, according to K-RIDE, were not permitted under the signed agreement.

Officials said that the majority of land had already been handed over. They claimed that 84% of the land required for Corridor Two and 17 km along Corridor Four were made available to L&T, yet execution lagged far behind schedule. The agency alleged that the company failed to mobilise adequate resources, frequently changed project managers, and delayed design approvals.

Tragedy not in design, but in execution

For citizen activists who have championed the cause of suburban rail for years, the latest setback is deeply disappointing. Rajkumar Dugar, founder of Citizens for Citizens (C4C), argues that BSRP in several respects is even better than the metro, with higher average speeds, superior seating arrangements, baggage space, and modern stations integrated with other transport modes. According to him, the tragedy lies not in the design, but in the execution.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Dugar said, "After 80% of the sanction period has lapsed, only about 10% of actual work has been completed on the ground. This is unacceptable."

He further added that the lack of political urgency is glaring. "Despite Bengaluru having four MPs, and a Minister of State for Railways representing Tumakuru, there has been little push from elected representatives. Many of them are not even aware of the details of the BSRP," he said.

The project has also been beset by institutional tussles and bureaucratic hurdles. Unlike Namma Metro, which comes under the Bengaluru Development Minister, the suburban rail project falls under the Infrastructure Development Department (IDD).

Land acquisition is handled by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB), which also falls under the IDD. This dual structure has led to diffused accountability and slower progress. Matters have been further complicated by the lack of stable leadership in K-RIDE, according to Mr. Dugar.

"The post of Managing Director has become a tug-of-war between the State government and the MInistry of Railways. While the latter has consistently argued that the MD should be a railway officer, the State has repeatedly placed IAS officers in charge," he said.

A never-ending saga

The project, which has been on the drawing board for over six decades, continues to remain stuck in delays. According to rail activist Sanjeev Dyamannavar, the idea was first mooted in 1963-64 through a CTTP study by the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), and since then, multiple studies by RITES, BMTC-Contrans, and other committees have strongly recommended a commuter rail network to ease Bengaluru's growing traffic crisis.

"The suburban rail project has been a long-standing demand, but successive governments have failed to bring it to fruition. As early as 1998, surveys were carried out to explore the feasibility of running local trains in Bengaluru, yet the proposal encountered roadblocks for over two decades. When the Central government finally approved the project in 2020, there was widespread expectation that it would move swiftly. However, progress has remained slow. It is essential that all the authorities concerned work in unison to ensure the suburban rail network becomes a reality at the earliest," Mr. Dyamannavar told *The Hindu*.

For Bengaluru, a city that has grown exponentially and faces daily gridlocks, the suburban rail could have been a lifeline decades ago, he said while adding, "Instead, the project stands as a case study of bureaucratic red tape, political indecision, and administrative hurdles stretching over generations. Administrative will is very important, while MPs and elected representatives also have a huge responsibility to make this project happen."

Hurdles galore

In June 2025, K-RIDE appeared to break the deadlock by advertising for a railway officer to fill the MD post on deputation. But in a surprise move on August 4, 2025, the State government appointed IAS officer Govinda Reddy to the position in concurrent charge. This appointment came even after interviews for railway officers were reportedly completed. Mr. Dugar argued that such uncertainty in leadership has demoralised staff within K-RIDE and hampered decisive action. According to him, the most urgent need is to install a full-time, capable MD who can drive the project forward without bureaucratic delays.

K-RIDE, for its part, insists that despite setbacks, preparatory work is moving ahead. "Several station construction tenders and track laying contracts were awarded in early 2025 and groundwork has begun in select areas," an official from K-RIDE said.

Meanwhile, the South Western Railway officials stress that land acquisition delays are largely the responsibility of KIADB and not the Railways. "Most of the railway land required is encroachment-free, and efforts are under way to clear the remaining parcels. The Railways is working closely with K-RIDE to integrate suburban rail into the ongoing redevelopment of KSR Bengaluru station, with provisions for dedicated platforms, improved passenger movement, and multimodal connectivity," Mukul Saran Mathur, General Manager of South Western Railway(SWR) told *The Hindu*.

He maintained that there is no delay attributable to the Railways in terms of land handover or approvals. "K-RIDE and SWR are coordinating well and various issues are being dealt promptly. All the necessary approvals, leasing of railway land and clearance of obstacles etc., is being done by SWR expeditiously," Mr. Mathur added.

Where the project stands today

The official figures accessed by *The Hindu* show that as of August 25, 2025, overall project progress stood at just 18.5 %, with an expenditure of ₹1,992.9 crore. Land acquisition was nearly complete at 97.75% by area and 86% by linear length, yet physical progress lagged behind.

But citizens point out that what has been most disheartening is the silence of political representatives. The suburban rail project has been repeatedly hailed as vital to Bengaluru's economy, environment, and quality of life, yet MPs and MLAs have shown little inclination to push for accountability, says Mr. Dugar, while pointing out that none of the leaders have demanded answers on why Corridor One, the airport line considered the crown jewel of the project, has not seen any activity despite being accorded top priority.

The comparison with Namma Metro is unavoidable. Despite its own delays, the Metro has steadily expanded across the city, backed by political visibility . The BSRP, in contrast, has been neglected in terms of political attention. Experts suggest that part of the problem lies in its governance structure, split between State and Central agencies, which has allowed both sides to pass the buck.

Transportation expert M.N. Sreehari said, "The way forward lies in urgent corrective action. A full-time, capable MD for K-RIDE must be appointed at the earliest, and disputes with contractors must be resolved without dragging on. The government must also finalise contracts for rolling stock and accelerate integration with metro and BMTC services. Most importantly, political representatives must begin monitoring progress regularly and ensuring accountability. Without such intervention, cost escalations are inevitable, and Bengaluru risks losing out on an eco-friendly, efficient, and inclusive mode of transport."

The Hindu had sent detailed questions regarding the project to Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development M.B. Patil, but did not receive a response.

For now, as Mr. Dugar said, the trains that could have carried lakhs of commuters every day remains a dream, waiting for a breakthrough.

Construction activities of BSRP have come to a standstill at Yeshwanthpur in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

After a two-year hiatus, Pawan Kumar returns with Kannada web series *Shodha* and looks forward to exploring the OTT space as an actor-filmmaker

Shodha and beyond

On the lookout Pawan Kumar, a still from *Shodha*. RAVI CHANDRAN N & SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Pawan Kumar is an enterprising man. In 2012, when Kannada cinema was in dire need of a next-wave movement, he made the crowd-funded psychological thriller *Lucia*, which inspired several filmmakers to break the tried-and-tested formula in the industry.

In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Pawan launched the Filmmakers United Club (FUC). During a period when the film industry was staring at an uncertain future, the FUC ensured activities related to cinema were sustained.

In 2023, he surprised everyone by pursuing farming, a move that came on the back of the debacle of his last directorial film, *Dhoomam*, starring Fahadh Faasil and produced by Hombale Films. Many felt it was his way of dealing with the Malayalam film's failure.

Pawan says he never thought of farming as a break from doing movies.

"I can't say I completely moved to farming. We bought a piece of land and I had to figure out what to do with it," he says.

Having completed a permaculture design course, Pawan's full-fledged involvement in farming meant that his ardent followers had to wait a bit longer for his return to cinema.

The actor-filmmaker held a couple of filmmaking workshops against the picturesque backdrop of the farm. In one of his videos, he compared farmers to writers, calling them the fundamental origin of a quality product.

Keeping aside the comparison of farming with movies, Pawan notes, "You can live without films, but you can't say the same about food. Farming has been an eye-opening experience. When I understood what goes into growing food, it was a huge lesson. The process of working with nature is challenging and complex. You might come with a great plan, but three days of rain will offset everything. So I learnt to deal with such uncertainties."

After a two-year hiatus, Pawan sprung a surprise by revealing that he was back in front of the camera. He plays the lead in *Shodha*, the upcoming Kannada ZEE5 original web series.

Set to premiere on August 29, *Shodha* is reportedly adapted from the Hindi web series *Khoj*. Also starring Siri Ravikumar and Arun Sagar, *Shodha* is a psychological thriller about a man's desperate search for his missing wife.

"The corporates have their reasons to not invest in Kannada. That's why I was excited when I learnt ZEE5 was keen on Kannada originals. If we don't respond to such demands from the platforms, we will be stuck in a chicken-and-egg situation. I jumped into the project without even reading my contract. The acting bug in me is always alive," he says.

Sunil Mysore (of *Orchestra Mysuru* fame) is the director, while stand-up comedian Suhash Navarathna has written the script for *Shodha*. Pawan has been credited as a script doctor.

"Even though I tried to be just an actor in the first couple of days on sets, my writer-director side would pop up without my knowledge. I suggested some tweaks to the narrative structure of *Shodha*, and the entire team was okay with it," explains Pawan.

Having directed the time-loop drama *Kudi Yedamaithe* for Aha and co-directed the Netflix dystopian drama *Leila* starring Huma Qureshi, Pawan isn't new to the OTT space.

"A web series takes away box office pressure. Today, apart from exceptions such as *Tourist Family* and *Su From So*, films that are doing well are "event films" that are big on scale. My films are an intimate experience, and I approach scenes in a more niche manner. In a web series, you can tell a story through multiple dimensions rather than following a template."

Dhoomam, a thriller that addressed the ill effects of smoking, was Pawan's first failure. With a popular production house (Hombale) and one of the country's finest actors (Fahadh), the film looked like a sure-shot hit on paper. However, it stumbled at the box office and Pawan says he now knows where he went wrong.

"Till the day of the release, I showed the film to so many people, including the producers and heads of some OTT platforms. All of them gave a positive response. I learnt that if out of 10 people, even if one person has a sharp criticism about your work, you must value him or her," he says, adding he would have loved to make one change in the script.

"The video where Alfred Hitchcock talks about the 'bomb moment' is quite popular. He says that if two people are talking and there is a bomb under their table, you must show the bomb first and then show them talking.

"In *Dhoomam*, I made the mistake of not revealing the uncomfortable truth in the beginning. If I had not hidden it, the viewing experience would have been different for the audience," he reasons.

Shodha will stream on ZEE5 from August 29, 2025

With food that lets ingredients take the lead, Circa 11 offers artistic plates and cheeky cocktails

Sass in a glass

Joanna Lobo

Sans borders Circa 11 specialises in dishes that are out of the box. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Once upon a time a lake in Bengaluru got so toxic with pollutants, it started to foam, leading people to joke that it was 'snowing'. These stories have now become part of the city's lore. One resident took this memory and turned it into a better story.

Bellandur Foam is one of the star drinks at Bengaluru's newest restaurant, Circa 11. We sip on the drink while listening to Sudhiksha Kaushik Anantharamu talk about her memories of the lake. The drink is a fun hat tip to the city she calls home, and which is now the base for her new restaurant, co-founded with her husband, chef Pradyumna Harithsa, and Ankit Agarwal.

On a rainy evening in early August, Circa 11 is alive with the sound of pop music. The space is done minimally, with monochrome touches.

The main focus is the bar, which sits right in the centre of the room, visible from all directions. The bar is busy sending out some fun drinks: Bellandur foam pairs mezcal with mango and jalapeno for a smooth drink, Ctrl Alt drunk uses nori-infused gin and ginger for an earthy, umami drink, and Last night on 12th Main has sesame tincture and toasted rice infused bourbon but the flavours do not stand out much.

At Circa 11, the food demands your attention. The kitchen is helmed by Pradyumna Harithsa, and Shubham Kulkarni. Pradyumna trained at and worked with two Michelin-starred restaurants in Chicago.

The food does not ascribe to any cuisine or region. Instead, the focus is on ingredients and technique.

Stuffed Blossoms highlights zucchini flowers, which come from a farm near the city. Crisp on the outside, with an herbed ricotta stuffing, they are a cheesy delight. The chicken wings are an elevated bar bite: with fatty skin, delicately deboned meat, in a rich jus.

Though Pradyumna is a vegetarian, his meat- and fish-based dishes are stellar. Grilled tiger prawns have us ditching the cutlery to use our hands. It is perfectly cooked, served in the shells, succulent, smoky with a juicy bite. The restaurant's signature dish, Claypot rice, takes the Assamese black rice and turns it into a sticky, umami rich, mushroom forward, savoury dish. The rice cracker, was not needed as the dish stands well on its own, and works well with a hot sauce.

As with any good restaurant, save space for dessert. The Panna cotta is given the sweet lime treatment with some black salt.

Circa 11 opens during the day as a small coffee shop. The coffee area is right at the front, and is a small space, ideal for coffee pickups. And yes, there is matcha on the menu.

Cost for two ₹2,500. At 12th Main Rd, Indiranagar. Breakfast is available Friday to Sunday, 8AM to 12 noon. Open for dinner, Tuesday to Sunday, 6PM to 11PM. For details, call 08095511011

The art of musical seduction

Roysten Abel's iconic production, *The Manganiyar Seduction*, will be staged in Bengaluru this weekend

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A living, breathing thing: Roysten Abel's *The Manganiyar Seduction*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It has been nearly two decades since Roysten Abel's iconic musical production, *The Manganiyar Seduction*, premiered. But the noted playwright and theatre director, known for a range of critically and commercially acclaimed works, such as *Flowers, Othello in Black and White, A Hundred Charmers*, and *The Kitchen*, still is not tired of the music. "I should have had enough of it, but I just don't. It still manages to mesmerise me," insists Roysten, who is all set to bring *The Manganiyar Seduction* to Bengaluru.

This breathtaking work, which has musicians from Rajasthan's Manganiyar community performing on an elaborate set composed of stacked, red-curtained cubicles inspired by both Jaipur's Hawa Mahal and the red-light districts of Amsterdam, "came to me at a point when I wasn't even interested in it." He was in Segovia, Spain, directing another show, when he was "seduced" into this musical world by the two Manganiyar musicians who had accompanied him on this trip. "They would come and sing outside the room at 6 in the morning. I could not get enough of it," says Roysten, who went on to create a show around this music back in 2006.

Over the years, the piece has taken a life of its own, he feels. "I don't believe that there is any work of art that is complete. It has got its life, is a living, breathing thing," he says of *The Manganiyar Seduction*, which has been performed hundreds of times in iconic venues all over the world, transcending linguistic and cultural borders.

"Even when I was creating it, I did not know what each line meant," says Roysten, who believes that the music of these singers was always bigger than the language. "That is what I wanted to share with the rest of the world," he says, pointing out that focus was never on *what* was being sung, but the way it was. "It cracks people, stuns them, moves them...that is why it works so well."

The Manganiyar Seduction is being brought to Bengaluru thanks to a collaboration between the Bhoomija Trust and the Prestige Centre for Performing Arts. "Roysten Abel has created a work that is both deeply rooted in tradition and breathtakingly modern in its theatricality," says Gayathri Krishna, Founder and Managing Trustee, Bhoomija. "It is immersive, powerful, and unlike anything else."

The Manganiyar Seduction is being staged at the Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Bangalore, on Friday, 29 Aug at 8 pm and on Saturday, 30 Aug at 4:30 and 7:30 pm. Tickets, priced ₹ 1200 onwards, are available at BookMyShow.

STEPOUT

Staged trial

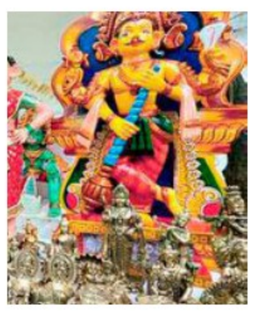
The Trial of Abdus Salam, directed by Nilanjan P. Choudhury, is about the theoretical physicist and Pakistan's first Nobel laureate in physics Abdus Salam. Set in yesteryear Pakistan, the play offers a glimpse of the final years of Salam's life

At Dasheri auditorium, National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) on August 29, at 4pm. Entry free.

Craft and the city

Meena Bazar, a handicrafts and handloom exhibition, showcases a wide variety of products from across India under one roof. The bazar with bangles, bindis, fancy jewellery, footwear, children's toys, and perfumes returns to the city.

At Chitrakala Parishath, till August 31, between 10.30am and 7pm. Entry free.



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Class 9 girl gives birth at residential school

The suspended employees are Basamma, principal; Geetha, warden; Narasimhamurthy, science teacher; and Shridhar, physical education teacher. A departmental inquiry has been ordered.

According to the suspension order, the school authorities had failed to do regular health check-ups or monitor the student's attendance. It is learnt that the girl attended classes for an average of only about 10 days a month since the beginning of this academic year. The staff nurse has stated that the girl showed no symptoms of pregnancy earlier, as per the suspension order.

The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) condemned the incident and urged legal action. Shashidhar Kosumbe, member of the Commission, said that a *suo motu* case would be registered.

Following the instructions by the KSCPCR, Nirmala Hombanna, District Child Protection Officer, lodged a complaint with the jurisdictional police.

Talking with *The Hindu*, Channappa Anegundi, a social activist, questioned how those in responsible positions in the residential school did not monitor the well being of the girls. "Why didn't they conduct frequent and necessary health check-ups of the girl despite specific guidelines?" he demanded to know.

A case has been registered under Section 64 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Sections 4, 6, and 19 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and Sections 33 and 34 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2025.

While the unknown perpetrator of crime is accused number one, the others named in FIR are Geetha, the warden; Kaveramma, the nurse; Basamma, the principal; and a person by name Sharanabasava.

State reported over 80,000 teen pregnancies in last three years

While Bengaluru Urban tops the list with 8,891 such cases, Belagavi and Vijayapura follow with 8,169 and 6,229, respectively

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While the case of a class 9 student delivering a baby in her school hostel has shocked the State, teenage pregnancies have always been a matter of concern in Karnataka. The State reported 80,813 teenage pregnancies (children aged between 14 and 19) in the last three years.

While Bengaluru Urban tops the list with 8,891, Belagavi and Vijayapura follow with 8,169 and 6,229, respectively, according to data from the Health Department's Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) portal.

High and low

While Udupi and Dakshina Kannada, apart from Kodagu, have been consistently reporting the lowest number of underage pregnancies in the last three years, North Karnataka districts, such as Davangere, Bagalkot, Ballari, Bidar, Chitradurga, Haveri, Raichur, and Kalaburagi are among those regions that have reported nearly 2,000 such pregnancies each in the last three years, according to data tabled in the recently concluded session of the legislature.

Alarming: Data has shown the highest teenage pregnancies have been reported in the 18-19 age group. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Data on the age-wise teenage pregnancies showed the highest have been reported in the 18-19 age group. While 276 have been reported in children aged between 14 and 15, 786 have been recorded in the 15-16 group since 2023-2024. As many as 2,397 pregnancies have been recorded in the 16-17 group and 11,136 have been reported in the 17-18 group.

Alarmed by the increasing teenage pregnancies in the State, the Health Department has stepped up measures through stricter enforcement, awareness campaigns and community interventions, said Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao.

Teenage pregnancies*

2023-2024	39,711
2024-2025	31,011
2025-2026 (January to July 31)	10,091

*(*14 to 19 years)*

Earlier, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had directed seven key departments, including Health, Education and Women and Child Development, to form a central task force to coordinate interventions. The State has also operationalised committees from the panchayat to district level and strengthened the 24/7 child helpline 1098.

'Akka Force'

Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar, responding to JD(S) member C.B. Suresh Babu in the Assembly, said the government has rolled out the "Akka Force" initiative to address the crisis. This initiative is a special patrol led by women police officers and supported by NCC cadets, to monitor public spaces, prevent child marriages and provide counselling to vulnerable adolescents. The initiative was launched in Mysuru, Belagavi, and Mangaluru and will be expanded across the State, the Minister announced.

Social media exposure

Experts attributed the trend to factors such as early exposure to social media without adequate education, child marriages, and a lack of awareness on reproductive health.

Savitha C., medical superintendent of the State-run Vani Vilas Hospital, said teenage pregnancies are a significant contributor to Karnataka's maternal and infant mortality rates, as adolescent mothers face higher risks of complications such as anaemia, obstructed labour, preterm births, and low birth weight babies.

Cooperative loans will be given to 37 lakh farmers: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday reviewed the progress of the Cooperation Department and said loans of ₹28,000 crore would be disbursed to 37 lakh farmers in 2025-26.

He said ₹8,362.68 crore has already been disbursed to 8,69,284 farmers as on July 31, 2025.

Noting that NABARD has reduced the concessional interest rate loan limit from ₹5,600 crore in 2024-25 to ₹3,236.11 crore in 2025-26, the Chief Minister said 96.07% progress has been made in loan disbursement.

In the financial year 2024-25, agricultural loans amounting to ₹25,939.09 crore had been disbursed to 29,75,598 farmers.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said 28,516 cooperative societies in the State have been making a profit, while 14,670 have become bankrupt. Out of these, 2,200 milk producers' associations have become bankrupt.

This is the first meeting of the Cooperative Department after K.N. Rajanna was sacked from the State Cabinet.

Irregularities in KSP

The Department of Registrar of Cooperative Societies (DRCS) has been investigating irregularities in the Kannada Sahitya Parishat and the investigation is under way, the Chief Minister said.

"There have been complaints about the parishat cancelling memberships," the Chief Minister said, and instructed officials to take action as per law.

Minimum wage: Ball in govt.'s court after stakeholders fail to arrive at a consensus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A decision on fixing minimum wages for 84 scheduled industries now rests with the Karnataka government, after employees and employers failed to arrive at a consensus. The minimum wage is proposed to be hiked and the draft was notified in April, 2025.

Second meeting

A meeting on Thursday at Karnataka State Minimum Wages Advisory Board was the second after the draft was notified, and the government will now consider individual representations by both sides. It is expected that the final decision will be taken by the government within the next few weeks.

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After taking the cost of living into consideration, the Labour Department, applying guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court in the Reptakos Brett case, had notified the minimum wages as ₹19,319 per month for an unskilled labourer to ₹34,225 for highly skilled ones.

While trade unions have welcomed the hike, the employers have opposed it, saying that it is too steep and could lead to the flight of capital to neighbouring States, besides affecting the financial viability of small-scale industries. Both sides have filed their objections before the Labour Department.

Sources said the department tried to mediate for a consensus, which failed after industry representatives asked for the notification to be withdrawn.

However, union representatives sought the implementation of the notification after corrections.

Impact on MSME sector

While the industry representatives argued that the common notification across schedules was wrong and it is not mandatory to adhere the Reptakos Brett guidelines, they also said that the MSME sector did not have the financial strength to sustain the hike calling it "steep."

However, the trade union representatives argued that the tariffs imposed by the U.S. would affect exports and an increase in minimum wages would spur demand domestically.

Refuting claims that minimum wages had been revised within five years, they pointed out that the last revision took place in 2017 and the current draft revision looked higher because of a delay. Countering the argument of the flight of capital, they argued otherwise and stated labour migration to higher wage destinations would spur economic activities.

Sources said that it is quite common for employees and employers not to arrive at a consensus, and in the past governments have notified the wages after considering the views of both parties.

Valmiki corporation 'scam': ED attaches properties of accused

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday provisionally attached assets worth around ₹5 crore in the form of immovable properties and bank balance, in the case of alleged misuse of funds at the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd.

The attached immovable properties are in the form of land and flats worth ₹4.45 crore belonging to Nekkenti Nagaraj, Chandra Mohan, Golapalli Kishore Reddy, and Etakeri Satyanarayana, and the movable property is in the form of bank balance to the tune of ₹50 lakh kept in First Finance Credit Cooperative Bank Ltd.

The ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by the Karnataka police and the CBI after the suicide of corporation employee Chandrashekhar on May 26, 2024, wherein it was alleged that the accused persons illegally transferred the money from the corporation's account and misappropriated ₹89.63 crore by forging valuable securities and documents.

The diverted funds were then layered through fictitious and shell accounts, with cash and bullion distributed among the accused, the ED said in a statement.

Further investigation revealed that a significant portion of these funds was used in the 2024 general elections, the ED claimed.

ED custody of Veerendra extended

The Hindu Bureau
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The Special Court of Magistrate for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs on Thursday extended the Directorate of Enforcement's custody (ED) of K.C. Veerendra, Chitradurga Congress MLA, for six more days.

He was produced before the court after his custody of five days ended on Thursday.

The ED sought a 14-day custody extension, claiming that the accused was not cooperating with the probe.

Meanwhile, Veerendra has alleged that he was being mistreated by ED officials in custody.

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ಸೂಚನೆ: ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು,
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಮಾದನಾಯಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಾಪ್ರಾ/2511/ಸ್ಯಾನ್/2025–26

TAMIL NADU RURAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT 2.0
(Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Government of Tamil Nadu)
5th Floor, SIDCO Corporate Office Building, Thiru. Vi. Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai- 600 032.
Phone No.044 - 43443200 Email: procurement.tnrtp2@gmail.com Website: www.vkp-tnrtp.org
File No: 228/P&C/2025 Date: 29.08.2025
REQUEST FOR INVITE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR LANDSCAPE STUDY ON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT STRUCTURES: PRACTICES, EFFECTIVENESS AND ADAPTATION POTENTIAL FOR TAMIL NADU
The Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project 2.0 invites "Expression of Interest" from the eligible agencies to submit their interest for providing services for World Bank funded TNRTP 2.0 Project for **"Hiring of agency landscape study on Business Development Support Structures: Practices, Effectiveness, and Adaptation Potential for Tamil Nadu".** Interested agencies may submit their **"EXPRESSION OF INTEREST"** in a sealed envelope clearly super scribed as Expression of Interest for **"Hiring of agency for Landscape Study on Business Development Support Structures: Practices, Effectiveness, and Adaptation Potential for Tamil Nadu" latest by 17.00 hours on 15.09.2025.** This selection will be done on Consultants Qualifications-based Selection (CQS) of the World Bank. The agencies may obtain further information and procedures for submitting the "Expression of Interest" from the official website of TNRTP i.e., **www.vkp-tnrtp.org.**
Chief Executive Officer,
TNRTP
DIPR/4740/TENDER/2025

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA email : se_nerwkjr@rediffmail.com
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE : KEONJHAR
e Procurement Notice for Bridge Work under SBY
Identification No. NCB-14/RWCKJR/2025-26
No. 3342 / // Date : 21.08.2025 /
1. Name of the Work : **Construction of Bridge Works under SBY for the year 2024-25 in the District of Keonjhar.**
2. No. of Work : **02 (Two)** Nos.
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure in NIT.
4. Class of Contractor (Eligible) : As per Annexure in NIT
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure in NIT
6. Other details:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E., R.W.Circle, Keonjhar Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	NCB-14 / RWCKJR / 2025-26	Dt.30.08.25 at 11:00 A.M.	Dt.15.09.25 up to 5:00 P.M.	Dt.12.09.25 up to 5:00 P.M.	Dt.16.09.25 at 11:00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

● Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Keonjhar.
O-646: OIPR-25177/11/0091/2526

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, DivisionYadgir-585202
No.EE/RWS&SD/YDG/JJM TENDER/2025-26/565 Date: 25-08-2025
KPP Portal Short Term Tender Notification-Call-2
The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Yadgir here by invites Tender on behalf Hon'ble Governor Karnataka from the eligible civil contractor for works approved under JAL JEEVAN MISSION-2022-23 details as below.
Sl.No:Taluka: Shorapur, **Village Name:**KANNALLI. **Estimate cost (Rs.in lakhs):** 249.00. **Indent No.:** RWSSD/2024-25/WS/WORK INDENT 8984/CALL-2. **Eligibility of Contractor:** Class-II & above. **Period of Completion:** 180 Day's
1) Eligibility of Contractors: Class-II and Above **2) Date of Commencement of downloading of bidding document Date:** 28-08-2025 to 06-09-2025 **3) Cost of Tender form and EMD:** as per e-Procurement **4) Pre Bid Meeting Date:** 01-09-2025 & Address: Office of the Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division Yadgir at 11.00 am **5) Last Date to Submit bids on e-portal:** Date: 06-09-2025 before 4.30 pm **6) Opening of Technical Bid:**Date: 08-09-2025 after 5.00 pm **7) Opening of Financial Bid: Date:** 10-09-2025 after 11.00 am. 8) For more information contact Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division Near Railway Station Yadgir. 9)web site:https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through e-Procurement system only.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division Yadgir,
DIP/YDG/223/KSMC&A/2025-26

INBRIEF

Family of four from Tirupattur washed away in Chhattisgarh

A family of four, including two children, from Parandapalli village near Jolarpet town in Tirupattur district were washed away in the flash floods triggered by incessant rain in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh on Wednesday. The deceased were identified as Rajesh Kumar, 45, his wife R. Pavithra, 38, and their daughters R. Soundiriya, 8, and R. Sowmika, 6. Rajesh lived with his family in Chhattisgarh and worked at a firm near Raipur for nearly 15 years.

Women's gang who stole from bus passengers held in A.P.

The Anantapur police on Thursday arrested four members of a women's gang allegedly involved in stealing from bus passengers and recovered gold ornaments worth ₹23 lakh. Superintendent of Police P. Jagadeesh said that the kingpin of the gang was R. Sumathi, 33, who operated with her close relatives. All the accused hail from Kuppam in Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh. They used to sell imitation jewellery before resorting to crime for easy money.

Minor boy suffers fracture after teacher 'pushes' him

A 12-year-old boy reportedly suffered a fracture in his upper arm after allegedly being pushed by his teacher in a private school at Madhurawada in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday. According to police, Naresh and his classmate Bhargav had a quarrel and their teacher, Mohan Rao, allegedly pushed Naresh. Police Inspector G. Balakrishna said the statements of the victim and his family members were being recorded.

Kerala reports one more case of amoebic encephalitis

The latest patient of the rare brain infection is a 43-year-old woman from Kozhikode; a total of nine persons are undergoing treatment at the Government Medical College Hospital now

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

A new case of amoebic meningoencephalitis has been reported from Kozhikode district in Kerala, taking the number of infected persons undergoing treatment at the Government Medical College Hospital here to nine.

The latest patient is a 43-year-old woman from Pantheerankavu in the city. Four of the infected, including a three-month-old child, are from Kozhikode, three are from Malappuram, and two from Wayanad. An eight-year-old girl from Kozhikode had earlier died of the infection.

This rare brain infection is caused by amoebae found in contaminated waters. Tests conducted at the State Public Health Lab in Thiruvananthapuram have reportedly confirmed the presence of the free-living amoeba in samples collected from wells on the residential premises of the infected persons.

A board displayed to create awareness of amoebic meningoencephalitis in Thiruvananthapuram. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Public health concern

Meanwhile, the State Health department has invoked the Kerala Public Health Act of 2023 for launching preventive and control measures against the disease. The government had on Monday announced a mass State-wide campaign involving local bodies, the Health and Water Resources departments, and the Haritha Kerala Mission to immediately clean and chlorinate all wells, swimming pools, and huge water storage tanks.

On Wednesday, Director of Health Services K.J. Reena, who is the State Public Health Officer, invoked various provisions of the Act to ensure that the waterbodies are clean and the water chlorinated to sufficient levels.

Dr. Reena issued orders under Sections 7(5), 10 (b) and 10 (c) of Act 2023. Violation of these directions will invite serious legal measures.

(With inputs from Thiruvananthapuram bureau)

BJP seeks DKS apology for 'hurting Hindu sentiments'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok on Thursday demanded that KPCC chief and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar tender an apology for "hurting sentiments of Hindus" by making a statement that the Chamundeshwari temple in Mysuru is "not the property of Hindus alone."

Speaking at a press conference at the State Secretariat, the BJP leader alleged that the Congress government has been "insulting Hindus" by ordering a SIT probe with regard to the alleged mass burials in Dharmasthala and the statement on the Chamundeshwari temple in Mysuru.

"If Mr. Shivakumar says that Chamundi Hills is not the property of Hindus, then is it the property of the waqf board?" the BJP leader asked.

Noting that the Mysuru Wadiyars have been worshiping Chamundeshwari as their family deity for several centuries, he said Mr. Shivakumar's statement aimed at "appeasing Muslims."

Dy. CM to keep mum

Meanwhile, after criticism from within the Congress and the Opposition over several issues, including singing the RSS anthem in the Assembly, Mr. Shivakumar has said that he will observe silence and that the party's spokespersons can be approached for comments on any subject.

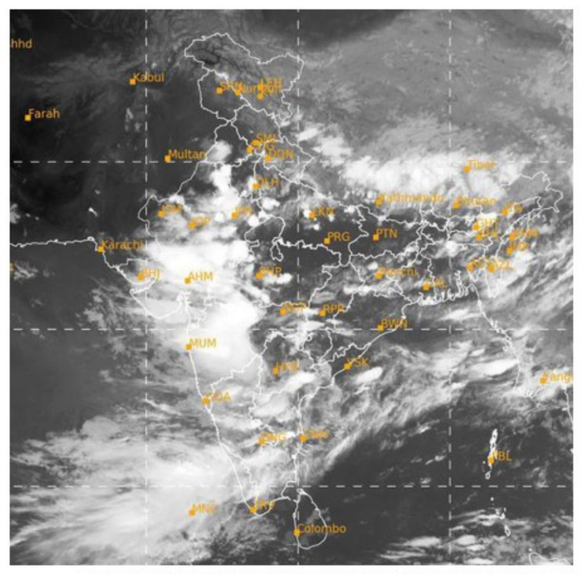
A visibly upset Deputy Chief Minister told reporters on Thursday, "You see, people don't tolerate when I speak about some facts."

He further said, "Some people's only job is to find fault in whatever I utter. It is better not to speak. There are other leaders and party spokesmen. You (reporters) better speak to them."

Reporters had approached Mr. Shivakumar seeking his reaction to BJP national general secretary B.L Santhosh's post targeting Rahul Gandhi for allegedly "making" Mr. Shivakumar apologise for singing the RSS anthem.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, West Bengal, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka and Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.0	25.8	Kozhikode	83	27.2	23.5
Ahmedabad	0.7	33.2	26.6	Kurnool	32.8	30.0	23.4
Aizawl	9.7	31.6	19.6	Lucknow	—	34.5	27.5
Allahabad	—	34.0	27.3	Madurai	—	37.4	27.5
Bengaluru	4.9	28.2	20.5	Mangaluru	118	25.4	23.0
Bhopal	—	30.4	24.8	Mumbai	1	28.8	26.0
Bhubaneswar	—	32.8	24.1	Mysuru	1	29.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	34.7	26.1	New Delhi	13	35.4	25.0
Chennai	—	34.8	28.1	Patna	—	34.0	28.3
Coimbatore	1	29.2	22.4	Port Blair	2	30.7	25.7
Dehradun	1.9	32.2	23.4	Puducherry	—	34.9	27.7
Gangtok	32	23.2	17.6	Pune	2.2	27.9	23.7
Goa	146	29.2	23.6	Raipur	0.5	30.8	24.4
Guwahati	6	33.6	25.9	Ranchi	27	28.6	22.2
Hubballi	—	26.0	22.0	Shillong	6	22.8	17.5
Hyderabad	22	25.6	21.1	Shimla	7	26.4	19.4
Imphal	—	28.7	25.3	Srinagar	25	26.7	15.8
Jaipur	0.2	32.5	26.1	Thiruvananthapuram	15	30.5	23.2
Kochi	37	26.4	23.6	Tiruchi	—	35.9	26.4
Kohima	22	25.2	18.9	Vijayawada	34.6	30.0	25.0
Kolkata	—	32.6	26.7	Visakhapatnam	0.2	31.1	26.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	3	26	31	87	81	
Bengaluru	15	31	32	36	50	
Chennai	9	14	57	47	59	
Delhi	9	14	27	221	202	
Hyderabad	14	16	24	50	99	
Kolkata	12	18	25	63	50	
Lucknow	10	33	69	65	59	
Mumbai	20	30	24	36	67	
Pune	—	26	87	41	56	
Visakhapatnam	36	46	34	51	82	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 154 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 9

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

KERALA BANK
Kerala State Co-operative Bank

PB.No.6515,
COBANK TOWERS,
VIKAS BHAVAN P.O, PALAYAM,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN-695033

TENDER NOTICE

The Kerala State Co-operative Bank invites competitive quotations in E-tender mode from reputed printers for printing and supply of 54,400 Nos of Planner and 3,50,000 Nos. of Calendar of the Bank for the year 2026. E-tender documents containing specification, terms & conditions etc. can be obtained from e-tenders website of Kerala State Govt. (**www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**). **Tender ID: 2025_KSCB_790767_1**. Details are also available in the Bank's website: **www.keralabank.co.in**. The Tender Document Download Start Date is 25/08/2025 @ 04.00 pm and last date of submission of E-tender is on 15/09/2025 @ 2.00 pm.

Thiruvananthapuram,
25/08/2025 **(Sd/-) Chief Executive Officer**

BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS
Southern Regional office Department of Consumer Affairs Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India
C.I.T Campus, IV Cross Road, Chennai-600113

CORRIGENDUM-RECRUITMENT NOTICE FOR HIRING OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (Advt.No.01(YP)/2025/SRO)

In continuation to Advt.No. 01(YP)/2025/SRO dated 14.08.2025 for recruitment of Young Professionals, it is notified that **the last date of submitting the applications has been extended upto 14.09.2025 at 1700hrs**.

The other terms & conditions of the advertisement will remain same.

For further details please visit www.bis.gov.in. MSCO(SRO) sqcosro@bis.gov.in

JALGAON CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
e-Tender Notice No. 611 for 2025-26
(Extension No.1)

Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation invites e-Tender for the work of Underground Sewerage Project for Zone III (Harivitthal Nalla) of Jalgaon City. Tender schedule of above notice is extended up to 15.09.2025. other condition will remain same as per published notice.

Date: 29.08.2025

Sd/-
(Dnyaneshwar Dhere)
Commissioner
Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Through KPP portal only)

BWSSB invites Tenders from eligible contractors for the following Works:

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore-09.

Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & Time for submission of tender	Date & Time for opening of tender
South West-1	BWSSB/EE SW-1/TO/PB/ 1650/2025-26 Dt: 28.08.2025	Rs.36,53,965/- / Rs.73,100/-	08-09-2025 upto 4.00 p.m.	10-09-2025 after 4.05 p.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South West)-1.

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO2518/25-26

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned by Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal)

Enquiry No: BESCOM/GM(A&HR)/BC-50/2505/01/2025-26
Tenders are invited from the reputed agencies for providing **Manpower Services to various offices of BESCOM** for a period of ONE year.
Date of Issue of Bid Documents: **30.08.2025 @ 16:00** Hrs. Due Date for submission of Bid Document: **29.09.2025** upto **16:00** hrs. Date of Opening of Bid Document: **03.10.2025** at **11:00** hrs.
The Tender documents can be obtained through e-procurement by visiting website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** All clarifications about e-payment contact e-procurement helpdesk.
For Tender related queries call: 080 22258788

For electricity related complaints Call: 1912
Download BESCOM Mithra Mobile APP

Sd/-
General Manager (A&HR)
Corporate Office, K.R.Circle.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
BENGALURU BENCH
COMPANY APPLICATION (CAA) NO. 19/BB/2025
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
COMPOSITE SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN
PURESOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
("Transferor Company/ Applicant Company No. 1")
AND
HAPPIEST MINDS TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED
("Transferee Company/ Applicant Company No. 2")
AND
THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS
BETWEEN:

PURESOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
SJR Equinox, Sy. No. 47/8, Doddathogur Village,
Begur Hobli, Electronics City Phase 1, Hosur Road,
Bengaluru - 560100 **...APPLICANT NO.1/ TRANSFEROR COMPANY**

HAPPIEST MINDS TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED
#53/1-4, Hosur Main Road,
Madivala (Next to Madivala Police Station)
Bengaluru - 560068 **...APPLICANT NO.2/ TRANSFEREE COMPANY**

AND

NIL ...RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

An Application under Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, for sanction of Composite Scheme of Arrangement between PureSoftware Technologies Private Limited and Happiest Minds Technologies Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors was presented by the Applicant on 04-06-2025 before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench seeking the dispensation of convening and holding of meetings of the Equity Shareholder and Preference Shareholder and Unsecured Trade Creditors of the Applicant No. 1 and Equity Shareholders, Secured Creditors and Unsecured Creditors of the Applicant No. 2 and the said Application has been allowed vide Order dated 08-08-2025.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Application should send to the Applicant's Advocate at the address given herein below, notice of his intention, signed by him or his Advocate with his name and address, so as to reach the Applicant's Advocate within thirty days from the date of this publication. Where he seeks to oppose the Application, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Application will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Advocate for the Applicants
UDAY SHANKAR ASSOCIATES
Advocates
& Legal Counsels,
Fortune Chambers, 1st Floor,
No. 8, Lalbagh Road, Richmond Circle,
Bengaluru- 560 027.
Ph: +080 4141 0007/0006

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 28/08/2025

Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited
9rd floor, E & F Block, Cauvery Bhavan,
Bengaluru-560009. Tele-:080-23118888.
Website: https://ashraya.karnataka.gov.in e-mail: rgrhclgmtech@gmail.com

No. RGHCL/01/TECH(GEN)/2022-2024 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.08.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal)

Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited invites Short Term tenders for the following work through kpp portal from the eligible contractors.

Last date of submission of bid is Date: 15.09.2025

Name of work: Place : Construction of Moulana Azad Model School / College (04 No's) in different Taluk of Belagavi District" – **G+2 truss and galvanized and poly carbonate sheet roofing works at second floor-Package-1** (Hukkeri - 1, Chikkodi - 2, Bailahongal-1) **(Fixed Price No Variation)" Indent No: RGRHCL/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT3/ CALL-4.**

Amount put to tender [Excluding GST] (Rs. in Lakhs): 1611.50. EMD Rs.(in Lakhs): 16.11.

further information visit : **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
https://ashraya.karnataka.gov.in/

DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO2498/25-26 **General Manager (S D)**

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಶಿಡ್ಲಘಟ್ಟ ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.
Phone No: 08158-254404, Fax Line: 08158 - 254405, Website:www.Shidlaghattacity.mrc.gov.in,
E- mail:itstaff_ulb_sidlaghatta@yahoo.co.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ನಕಾಶಿ/ಸ.ಅ/ಟೆಂಡರ್–03/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.08.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
PALAMANERU KUPPAM MADANAPALLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PKMUDA), MADANAPALLE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PREPARATION OF GIS BASED PERSPECTIVE PLAN AND MASTER PLAN FOR PALAMANER KUPPAM MADANAPALLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PKMUDA) AREA

Requested For proposal (RFP) are invited through e-procurement as per the provisions of A.P. Metropolitan Region and Urban Development Authorities Act-2016 for preparation of Perspective Plan and GIS based Master Plan for Palamaner Kuppam Madanapalle urban Development Authority (PKMUDA) through interested consultancies Firms.

Interested and eligible consultancies/Firms may download the RFP from **29-08-2025** at the link mentioned below:
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E-Tender Notification

No.: HZP/DEV5/MNREGA/Outsourcing/E-Tender/2025-26 Date: 25-8-2025

Invitation for E-Tender to Provide Outsourced Staff Services under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for 3 years (FY 2025-2028) through a Manpower Agency.

1) E-Tender Number: RDPR/2025-26/SE 2924
2) Estimated amount of tender is Rs. 622.70 lakhs. (incl GST18%)
3) E.M.D amount is Rs. As per e-portal.
4) Tender documents: Downloaded and Submission Portal: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or before Dt: 30-09-2025, 16.30 hrs.
5) Pre Bid meeting Scheduled @ ZP Haveri Office. on Dt: 30-8-2025 at 15.30 Hrs.
6) Technical bids of tender will be opened on e-portal on: 03-09-2025. 11.00 A.M.
7) Financial bids of tender will be opened on e-portal on: 06-09-2025. 11.00 A.M

Note: Full eligibility criteria, scope of work, terms and conditions, tender processing fee, and EMD details are available on the kppp Portal.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer,
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War cry

In Bihar, the electoral process itself is an election issue

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Vote Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar is drawing crowds and is turning out to be a platform for Opposition unity. In 16 days, the campaign would cover 1,300 kilometres across 20 districts and is to conclude in Patna on September 1. On August 27, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, M.K. Stalin, joined Mr. Gandhi, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav and CPI-ML leader Dipankar Bhattacharya in Muzaffarpur. Mr. Stalin has accused the BJP of turning the Election Commission of India (ECI) into a puppet. NCP leader Sharad Pawar, SP leader Akhilesh Yadav, senior leaders of the TMC and Left parties will be in Patna on the concluding day. Its merits apart, the allegation that an ECI scheme favours the BJP and disadvantages the Opposition has rattled India's political landscape. This alleged "vote *chori* (vote theft") has become the Opposition's central rallying cry. Mr. Gandhi's speeches consistently accuse the BJP of "manipulating institutions" and using the ECI as a puppet for its political ends. The Opposition has long been complaining about various aspects of the electoral process that have become less transparent and more partisan. Political battles should have been on the issues of governance and livelihoods, and not on the integrity of the elections at all.

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar and the demonstrable loopholes in electoral rolls, exposed by Mr. Gandhi through an analysis of one Assembly constituency in Karnataka, have given the Opposition allegation a strong handle. The ECI, through its conduct and responses, has added credence to the allegations. It has claimed that over 98% of the voters in the existing list have submitted an enrolment form as required in the Bihar SIR. Around 65 lakh names from the previous list have been removed from the draft list published. It took an order by the Supreme Court for the ECI to accept the Aadhaar card as an acceptable document for establishing identity. Mr. Gandhi alleges that the names being removed are predominantly those of the poor, Dalits, OBCs, Extremely Backward Classes and minorities, a larger proportion of whom vote for non-BJP parties. Electoral malpractice has united the Opposition, but the charges, much of them overblown, are a sign of institutional distrust and rot. The Opposition space has been severely restricted by the brazen and arbitrary use of central law enforcement agencies, and the ECI has done little to demonstrate its impartiality. All of this has left the Opposition with an approach of discrediting the electoral process, which in itself is a sad commentary on India's democracy.

Déjà vu

India must cut monsoon vulnerabilities, not just build response abilities

Heavy rain has left a trail of destruction across North India. Several districts have been cut off across Himachal Pradesh. Jammu and Kashmir reported over 40 deaths while swollen rivers breached flood marks in Srinagar and Anantnag. In Punjab, entire villages have been inundated and farmland has disappeared. The national capital, too, reported excessive rainfall and a surging Yamuna. The intensity and the volumes of the southwest monsoon have been swinging sharply between the extremes. August's rain has arrived in concentrated bursts, overwhelming fragile slopes in the Himalaya, bursting banks in the plains, and inundating low-lying regions. This erraticism has cut across geographies in a sign of the monsoon's increasing unpredictability. The consequences go beyond immediate damage. Intense rain over short periods amplifies local erosion. Mountain slopes destabilise and raise risks for settlements far removed. Relief, in this context, cannot be confined to reactive measures. The knowledge that concentrated, destructive rainfall is now a recurring possibility makes it imperative for States and the Centre to invest in preventive strategies. Continuing to treat such events as unforeseeable emergencies is to deny the evidence already at hand.

Indeed, framing each calamity as "unprecedented" distracts from the lessons that should already have been learnt. In Himalayan States, forest clearance and road-widening continue sans adjustments such as slope-safe engineering in eco-sensitive zones despite experts warning of irreversibly weakened slopes. As catchments' buffering capacity shrinks, the chance of slope failure rises while silt accumulates in dams and rivers downstream, worsening the flood load. Yet, despite repeated disasters, the early warning and evacuation architecture remains underdeveloped. The capacity to forecast heavy rain has improved but it is not being translated into reliable ground-level warnings. Relief agencies mobilise once the damage has occurred, but systematic drills, pre-positioned supplies and community preparedness remain insufficient. Sadly, States and the Centre continue to pursue strategic road projects and urban expansion with urgency, even in landscapes repeatedly flagged as unstable, while climate-resilient infrastructure lags. Compensatory afforestation and rehabilitation rarely match the qualitative attributes of what has been lost. The cumulative effect is visible as denuded slopes, shrinking catchment areas, and populations at increasingly higher risk. Relief operations command headlines and budgets but unless sustainable infrastructure, landslide mitigation and early-warning systems are pursued equally seriously, the next monsoon spell will launch another cycle of loss. Shifting from acclaiming resilience, post facto, to systematically reducing vulnerabilities beforehand remains overdue.

India's demographic dividend as a time bomb

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Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore once said, "Don't limit a child to your own learning, for she was born in another time." In the context of India's education system, this quote is particularly resonant today. India's education system is outdated. We are preparing students for jobs that are rapidly disappearing or evolving.

Meanwhile the future of work is being shaped by emerging technologies, led by Artificial Intelligence (AI), being the most disruptive of them all. AI is reshaping how we work and think, with our research suggesting that up to 70% of current jobs, globally, will be impacted, and up to 30% of tasks in many current jobs will get completely automated. A plethora of new jobs related to AI development and implementation are being created as we speak. This technological shift via AI is already changing the world and the job market, whereas the curriculum update cycle in our schools and colleges runs in three-year cycles. This is incremental at best, leading to many students being left behind if we do not up-skill, cross-skill and re-skill them.

India's 'demographic dividend' has long been touted as a key driver of the nation's future growth. With more than 800 million people below the age of 35, the country boasts of having one of the largest youth populations anywhere. This demographic 'asset', however, is increasingly under threat of becoming a 'liability', as the gap between education and real-world skills, and degrees and employability widens. If this gap is not addressed, India's demographic dividend could morph into a demographic time bomb – a paradox at scale.

The stark reality is that while India is producing millions of graduates every year, many of these graduates remain underemployed and are increasingly becoming unemployable. Despite popular belief, this is not merely a problem facing social science or non-STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) students. Over the past decade, data show that 40%-50% of engineering graduates from Indian universities have not been placed in jobs, highlighting the worrying gap between academic education and industry requirements. More and more youngsters are going to college or university, yet employers report increasing difficulty in finding talent with the right skills. Belatedly, educators are acknowledging the problem, with 61% of higher education leaders today agreeing that curricula are not aligned with rapidly changing job market needs.

The mismatch begins in high school

As the AI revolution accelerates, India faces a deepening skills crisis. According to McKinsey, nearly seven out of every 10 Indian jobs are at risk from automation by 2030. This means a massive and unprecedented change could be affecting the nation in just the next five years. Of course, it is not all bad news. The World Economic Forum predicts that AI and other new tech will create 170 million new jobs by 2030. The problem is that in the same period, more than half of this number of newly created jobs (92 million) will be displaced. Consequently, skilling must become a critical national priority.

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The challenge lies in how Indian youth are entering the workforce. A significant number are doing so with outdated or irrelevant skills. This misalignment begins in high school, where students are largely unaware of the multitude of career paths that exist. A Mindler Career Awareness Survey from 2022 revealed that 93% of Indian students between classes 8 to 12 are aware of only seven career options, most of which are traditional roles such as doctor, engineer, lawyer, or teacher. In contrast, the modern economy offers over 20,000 career paths. Surprisingly, a mere 7% of students report receiving formal career guidance during their schooling years. This lack of awareness leads to millions of our best and brightest, pursuing degrees that do not match their aptitudes or market needs. Do not take our word for it. According to the India Skills Report 2024, more than 65% of high school graduates pursue degrees that are not aligned with their interests or abilities. This alarming reality means that students emerge from their degrees ill-equipped for the rapidly changing job market, further exacerbating India's unemployment crisis.

Digital tools, but analog mindsets

While most students in India now have access to some technology as smartphones have become much cheaper, and the government has also tried to roll out computer and AI labs, most schools still follow traditional, examination-centric curricula. There is limited focus on career exploration or the development of job-ready skills. As a result, students graduate with degrees but lack the practical experience required by employers. In fact, the Graduate Skills Index 2025 produced by Mercer-Mettl found that only 43% of Indian graduates are deemed job-ready. In our experience with interns and fresh graduates, this figure, if anything, underestimates the scale of the problem.

EdTech platforms primarily focus on test preparation and rote learning, rather than career discovery or skill development. Coursera, Udemy and other look-alikes have tried to address this problem, but the certificates obtained from these are becoming increasingly commoditised. School curricula remain disconnected from the evolving job market, leaving students unprepared for the challenges ahead. Only a few State boards and central bodies have introduced career readiness frameworks, and even fewer integrate emerging career pathways into their curricula.

The Indian government, to its credit, has launched several initiatives that are aimed at bridging the skills gap, the most prominent being the Skill India Mission, which aimed to train over 400 million individuals by 2022. Despite large-scale funding, the mission fell far short of this target. Multiple systemic issues have contributed to this failure: besides the Skill India Mission, an acronym soup of other policies has also been launched which includes the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana (PMYY), Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP), Prime Minister's Internship Scheme, and many others,

What India needs is a cohesive strategy that aligns education and skill development with industry demands. We have undertaken deep research and devised a platform for just that. We are in conversations with NITI Aayog, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), and the Skill Ministry to translate this solution into reality. Collaboration between the government, private sector and educational institutions will be essential to create a robust ecosystem for skill development.

The decisive decade

India's ambition to emerge as a global digital powerhouse rests on its ability to integrate technology, education and employment into a coherent national framework. India's youth will either be equipped with the skills to thrive in an AI-driven world or be left behind. This is not just an education or employment crisis; it is a crisis where our entire social contract could come undone. The student civil disobedience during the Mandal Commission days in 1990 bear witness to the havoc that youth-led protests can create, escalating into violence, clashes with police, property destruction, and, in some cases, fatalities due to police firings. If India fails to act now, it risks creating a generation of highly literate, even educated but unemployable youth that can become a ticking time-bomb. The World Bank Economic Review has ably captured this paradox at scale in an article by Lant Pritchett, "Where Has All the Education Gone?". The ramifications of such a crisis are dire. The good news is that this is an entirely fixable problem. India must prepare its youth not for the jobs of yesterday, but for the careers of tomorrow. The clock is ticking and it is up to us to convert India's demographic dividend into an asset or a liability.

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Building health for 1.4 billion Indians

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India's health-care system stands at a defining juncture. The task is dual: expand access for the millions who are underserved, while ensuring affordability amid rising costs. This needs an integrated framework, strengthening insurance, leveraging scale, embedding prevention in primary care, accelerating digital adoption, enabling regulatory clarity, and unlocking sustained investment. Through a systemic, interconnected approach, India can build a health-care model that is inclusive, financially viable, and globally aspirational.

Insurance as the foundation of affordability

Pooling risk remains the most effective way to make costly care accessible. Even modest premiums – ₹5,000 to ₹20,000 for individuals or ₹10,000 to ₹50,000 for families – can unlock coverage worth several lakhs, shielding households from catastrophic financial shocks. Yet, penetration remains low: only 15%-18% of Indians are insured, with the premium-to-GDP ratio at 3.7% compared to the global average of 7%. The gap is significant, but so is the opportunity, as gross written premiums already stand at $15 billion in 2024 and are projected to grow at over 20% CAGR till 2030.

Affordability cannot rest on insurance alone. True impact comes when payers, providers and patients partner, expanding coverage, embracing prevention and making insurance a tool for everyday health security, not just a crisis shield.

India's health-care system has mastered something that the world is only now beginning to appreciate – delivering quality care at extraordinary scale. Where an MRI in the West may handle seven to eight scans a day, in India the same machine manages many times that volume. This ability to stretch resources without diluting quality is not coincidence. It is the product of decades of ingenuity in doctor-patient ratios, workflow design, and infrastructure use.

The next leap is clear: extend this efficiency to India's vast heartland. Tier-2 and tier-3 cities remain underserved, yet they represent the true frontier. If India can replicate its urban efficiency in these geographies, it will not just close the access gap. It could set a global benchmark for how scale, innovation and inclusion can reshape health care.

> Health care in India is at an inflection point and must move from being a privilege to becoming every Indian's right

Schemes such as Ayushman Bharat (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, or PM-JAY) have redefined access. Covering nearly 500 million people, with ₹5 lakh a family for advanced care, PM-JAY has enabled millions of cashless treatments in both public and private hospitals. Its impact is visible: timely cancer treatments for beneficiaries have increased by nearly 90%.

Expanding private hospital participation in government-backed schemes is essential to reach the next 500 million. But this must be anchored in fair reimbursements and transparent processes, ensuring viability for providers and real value for patients.

Prevention as the most powerful cost-saver

A study in Punjab revealed a stark reality – even insured families faced catastrophic expenses on diabetes, hypertension, and other non-communicable disease (NCD) outpatient care. The solution is two-fold: redesign insurance to include outpatient and diagnostics, and launch a nationwide push for prevention. But this is incomplete without public participation.

Alongside payers and providers, people must embrace a preventive mindset – controlling risks, staying alert and raising awareness. Every rupee in healthier lifestyles saves multiples in treatment. If schools, employers, communities and citizens rally behind prevention, India can blunt the looming tsunami of NCDs and secure a healthier future.

India was early to adopt telemedicine and is now pushing boundaries with Artificial Intelligence. Tools that detect early signs of sepsis, triage diagnostic reports, or enable remote consultations are already in practice. These innovations not only improve patient outcomes but also optimise the productivity of doctors and nurses.

Digital health is also democratising access. Remote consultations mean that a cardiologist in a metropolitan city can guide treatment for a patient in a village that is hundreds of kilometres away. Combined with the government's Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, such innovations could enable universal health records and continuity of care across the country.

Regulation and trust as the missing link

Health-care innovations are promising, but challenges persist. Insurers in New Delhi are considering a 10%-15% premium hike due to pollution-driven respiratory illnesses which shows how environmental factors raise health-care costs. Without safeguards, such pressures could hit affordability for millions. This is where regulation is crucial. The Finance Ministry has urged the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to strengthen claims of settlement and grievance redress, recognising that trust drives insurance penetration. Without confidence in fair and transparent claims, households will not prioritise health insurance. Robust regulation, paired with fair pricing, is essential to deepen coverage and build confidence.

In 2023, India's health sector drew $5.5 billion in private equity and venture capital, fuelling digital health, pharmacy networks, and hospitals. But capital remains skewed toward metros. The true test is directing this to tier-2 and tier-3 cities, building primary networks, and training specialists so that growth translates into inclusion.

India's health care is at an inflection point. Insurance must cover everyday care, providers must scale efficiently, prevention must cut long-term costs, and technology must drive access. With aligned investment and bold public-private partnerships, we can design a system that is not episodic or exclusionary, but universal, resilient, and sustainable. Health care must move from being a privilege to becoming every Indian's right.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The shock of U.S. tariffs

While India fervently believed that U.S. President Donald Trump would roll back his plan to slap a 25% tariff for the second time, it is disappointing that he has gone ahead with his decision. It only shows that Mr. Trump is obdurate and is fuelled by arrogance. He does not seem to take considered decisions. United States-dependent Indian exporters will face a serious financial crisis. The situation is disconcerting as it would take them years to neutralise their financial losses.

This decision of Mr. Trump will put all nations on notice — that the United States is not dependable. He has not realised that the United States is getting increasingly isolated which is not, in the long run, good for the Americans. His demands are outrageous.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

In Mr. Trump's view, India represents a disquieting asymmetry: a nation that presents itself as America's "natural partner" yet withholds the reciprocity expected of one. India talks the language of shared values and strategic alignment, but keeps its markets closed, its diplomacy hedged, and its commitments deliberately vague. Unlike Europe or Japan, it does not pay an alliance premium. Unlike China, it is not a rival powerful enough to command respect. This in-between posture, benefiting from partnership without fully embracing it, makes India run contrary to Mr. Trump's transactional instinct. New Delhi's balancing act may impress diplomats, but to Mr. Trump it looks like opportunism. He finds the pinch sharp enough to whip up tariffs and keen to extract concessions.

R. Narayanan,
Navi Mumbai

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Should States be compensated for revenue loss from GST reforms?

Manoj Mishra
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PARLEY

During his Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a "Deepavali gift" to the people in the form of next-generation Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms. The Ministry of Finance subsequently said that a large part of these reforms involved moving GST from the current mainly four-tier system to a predominantly two-tier structure of 5% and 18%, along with an overall lowering of the average tax rate. What impact will this proposal have on revenues? And should the States be compensated for revenue loss? Pratik Jain and Manoj Mishra discuss these questions in a conversation moderated by **T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan**. Edited excerpts:

With the average tax rate set to come down, how do you think the government will maintain revenue?

Manoj Mishra: Whenever we talk about GST rate cuts, there is always an immediate concern of how much revenue we are really giving up. If you look at the proposals on the table, whether it is rationalising multiple slabs into just two, or cutting the 28% or 12% slab to 18% or 5%, the short-term impact is real. As per current estimates, that cut may impact ₹60,000 crore-₹1,00,000 crore per year, which is roughly 0.2-0.3% of India's GDP. In the first year of implementation (FY2025-26), when the new structure may only apply for part of the year, the likely hit would be closer to ₹45,000 crore. But this is not a permanent loss. A higher rate of around 40% on sin goods and luxury goods will help recoup some of the revenue. Second, when tax rates go down on essential goods and durables, consumption generally goes up. If you put more people into the formal billing system, you reduce leakages. We have seen this before. So, in my opinion, initially there will be a dip, but growing compliance and an increase in demand will make up for it to a large extent.

About 70% of GST revenues come from the 18% slab. That slab is not going to change materially, so the impact from these overall rate cuts is not likely to be very big. Do you agree?

Pratik Jain: You are right. That is the reason why the 18% slab is not being changed. One of the proposals was to merge the 12% and 18% slabs. But that is not happening because the government did not want to touch the 18% slab, given the revenue implications.

There are revenue implications with items moving from the 12% slab to the 5% one, and with many products moving from the 28% slab to the 18% one. But these implications would not be as severe as if the 18% slab was reduced to, say, 13% or 14-15%.

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What would the average rate of GST be after the cuts?

PJ: Before GST came in, the average tax incidence was apparently around 15%. This got reduced to around 11.5% after GST came in and after the rate cuts. Currently, it is around 11.5%. The estimate is that it will be close to 10% after the rate cuts proposed by the Centre are implemented. That puts India with the best of the developed economies. To my mind, 10% is a very moderate rate. That should really put us in good stead, as we want to attract more manufacturing over a period of time.

GST revenues are divided between the Centre and the States. But are they divided equally among the States? In other words, will the revenue hit from the tax cuts be divided equally?

MM: The revenue distribution is not equal. When we talk about GST rate cuts, the impact is never going to be uniform. For example, States such as Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu are manufacturing and service-heavy States with strong urban centres. If GST is reduced on appliances or electronics, the immediate revenue collection from GST for these States would take a visible hit. On the other hand, States that are more dependent on agriculture, such as Bihar or Uttar Pradesh, may not see the same proportion of dent in revenue. This is simply because their consumption basket is tilted towards essentials, which are already exempted or are at a lower slab. When the GST Council cut rates in July 2018, there was an almost 3-4% dip in the monthly collections of States such as Maharashtra and Karnataka. But the smaller States, such as those in the north-east, barely felt any impact because their tax base is narrower.

> As far as taxation is concerned, the States will have to start looking at their own systems and processes. They need to think of how they can plug leakages, increase the tax base, and attract more investment, so that they are self-sufficient in tax.
> PRATIK JAIN

Should the States' revenues be protected?

PJ: When GST was launched in July 2017, the Centre provided to the States a compensation guarantee for five years. At that point, they believed that five years is a long period for a transition and so, the States would start standing on their feet after that period got over. Five years have gone by and therefore, technically, there is no compensation (to be given). I think it is very difficult for the Centre to keep compensating the States for a regular tax. There are, of course, ways of looking at allocating more funds for, say, infrastructure development. But as far as taxation is concerned, the States will have to start looking at their own systems and processes. They need to think of how they can plug leakages, how they can increase the tax base, and how they can attract more investment, so that they are self-sufficient in tax. For a country such as ours, a regular compensation provided to the States for any loss on taxation is perhaps not an option.

MM: Whatever Pratik is saying is absolutely correct, but we have to understand that there is no equal distribution of GST revenue. So, the bigger States with larger manufacturing facilities receive a larger share of GST, while the smaller, less industrialised States receive a negligible share of total GST collections. There has to be some mechanism by which these States are compensated. Not necessarily by means of a compensation cess or something like that. There could be another mechanism. There could be a mechanism within the Consolidated Fund of India. I think in many of the developed countries which implemented a GST, initially this kind of process was followed. On the one hand, these countries provided a compensation that came from GST itself, such as the compensation India's Centre gave the States, and on the other, these countries also provided support through their consolidated funds in the form of special packages.

PJ: I think that a separate fund could be created. A few years ago, Kerala had imposed a flood cess to raise funds for recovery. So, maybe a part of GST could go to a contingency fund where, depending on the specific situation in a State, the GST Council may decide to allocate funds. I think the States will have to see this (the rate cuts and rationalisation) as a larger reform: as a step towards ease of doing business in India and attracting more manufacturing and more investment into India. Yes, economic theories and past experience will tell you that when you reduce the tax rate, your tax base increases. But, obviously, the States will really want to see how this evolves. So, at this point in time, of course there will be some nervousness, but they must come together and appreciate and understand the long-term benefits of any tax reform.

So far, the GST Council has taken all decisions by consensus save maybe twice in its history. How optimistic are you that the GST Council will actually go ahead with the changes that the Centre is proposing and that it will not get derailed by the States which are not agreeing to this?

MM: I believe that they have already done their homework. Otherwise, the Prime Minister would not have announced this in his Independence Day speech. So, it is highly unlikely that GST Council will oppose these rate cuts. There could be some discussions around the compensation to make up for the losses, but the possibility that they will not go ahead with the rate cuts seems highly remote to me.

PJ: The Prime Minister made this statement and then it was reiterated by several government officials, so there already seems to be some consensus. I think that there could be discussions about some products, about whether they should fall in the 5% or 18% slab, for instance. Or there could be discussions about when this should be made effective. But I think they will go ahead with the decision – if not with a consensus, maybe with a vote. I see a very strong possibility of it happening in the next upcoming GST Council meeting.

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NOTEBOOK

Coding, community, and collaboration

Learning to code, being part of Open Data movements, and using Gen AI tools are all important for data journalists

Srinivasan Ramani

The first line of code that I ever wrote was in a language called BASIC. That was more than three decades ago, at a summer class in Salem in Tamil Nadu, conducted by college graduates who wanted to teach code during their free time. The instructor, a woman in her twenties, was thrilled to see my excitement at the output – the first 50 numbers of the Fibonacci series.

While I was fascinated with coding then, it took me a few more years to become a software programmer. That career lasted four years. The fascination persisted even when I was bit by the journalism bug. However, after I became a journalist, code was no longer a routine job requirement; it became a side hustle.

As a data journalist, though, knowing how to program is a decisive advantage for extracting structured data from websites, such as the Election Commission of India's, which publishes detailed electoral data. But to be a good coder/programmer, a journalist had to stay in touch with the activity. It was not easy to remember syntax, programming techniques, and procedures to repeat tasks much after they were done the first time. This is why data journalists always leaned on full-time programmers and coders to help with more difficult tasks.

In India, the free and open source (FOSS) movement has always allowed for voluntary help by enthusiasts in public interest. In line with the FOSS ethos, another voluntary group emerged in the mid-2010s, the 'Open Data' community, which included programmers, data scientists, GIS experts, and hobbyists besides journalists. The Indian community dedicated to promoting Open Data is Datameet. While programmers in the community help retrieve data for journalists, journalists help them in turn by publishing data-based stories in public interest.

My colleagues and I not only relied on the Open Data community to access data sources, but also took the help of talented programmers to create web interactives and do investigative journalism. Prominent examples of these collaborations include several 'Data Point' stories on these pages, hosting the live State-wise vaccination tracker from the CoWIN database, and downloading data and analysing it to calculate excess deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, journalists have been further assisted by Gen AI tools. It is no longer necessary to remember exact syntax or procedures to write robust programs; we have to think algorithmically. By using Gen AI prompts effectively, we can 'vibe code', that is, ask a Gen AI model to write code according to specific instructions.

Vibe coding has helped journalists like us scale new heights. We can now write intricate interactive code in JavaScript to analyse in depth the Lok Sabha election results, learn how to leverage open source hardware (Arduino Nano) to collect primary data on issues such as the heat impact in Chennai, and scrape thousands of image PDFs to study electoral rolls for aggregated information.

Does that mean we no longer need to leverage the help of the Open Data community? Certainly not. When we found that it took hours to parse image PDFs of one Assembly Constituency (and its nearly 400 parts) using OCR (Optical Character Recognition) libraries recommended by Gen AI large language models, we reached out to a Datameet volunteer who promptly optimised the code to significantly speed up the process.

The lesson? It helps to have learned to code to function as a journalist, particularly a data journalist, today. It helps to partake in the AI revolution by using Gen AI to help with coding tasks. But it is even more gratifying to have been part of the FOSS and Open Data movements and to lean on voluntarism for the sake of public interest. My first coding teacher, wherever she is, would be even more proud today.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Swept away

A vehicle damaged by the flash floods triggered by heavy rainfall near the Peer Kho area in Jammu. Over 40 people, mostly pilgrims, have died in landslips and flash floods in the past few days in Jammu and Kashmir. Though waters have started receding in most of the rivers, schools will remain closed in Jammu region till August 30 . ANI

FROM THE ARCHIVES The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 29, 1975

Details of IT raid on Gwalior palace

New Delhi, Aug. 28: Income-tax raids at the premises belonging to Mrs. Vijaya Raje Scindia of Gwalior and other members of the former ruling family have revealed "extensive tax evasion and concealed wealth", says an official press release.

Documents indicating transfer of "substantial amounts" of funds in a "surreptitious manner" out of India have been seized.

During the search of the Gwalior Palace, the tax men discovered silver and silver articles weighing 53 quintals, which would be worth about Rs. 53 lakhs.

The jewellery found in the strong room in the palace is being valued by the registered valuer from a reputed firm. So far about 40 per cent of the total quantity of jewellery found has been valued at Rs. 35 lakhs.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 29, 1925

Unani exhibition

Chief Minister opens

An interesting function was witnessed this morning when the Hon. Chief Minister performed the opening ceremony of the Unani Tibbi Exhibition at the Shadi Mahal, Triplicane. The exhibition is the first of its kind in Madras and has been got up in connection with with the South India Unani Tibbi Conference which commences its sittings tomorrow under the auspices of the Eastern Medical Association of Southern India.

From Page One

U.S. official calls conflict in Ukraine 'Modi's war'

Meanwhile, a number of former U.S. officials who have dealt with India in the past expressed their disappointment with the situation leading to the U.S. slapping 50% tariffs on Indian goods from August 27.

"Unfortunately, the United States and India have managed to convert what appeared to be a true and unprecedented win-win on trade into a remarkable lose-lose," said Mark Linscott, former U.S. trade negotiator, who is now an advisor for The Asia Group and the U.S. India Strategic Partnership Forum, calling for "cooler heads who understand the value of the relationship" to prevail.

'Stay open to talks'

Mr. Juster, also a former U.S. Commerce official who served as Ambassador to India during the first Trump term, told the Council for Foreign Relations that Mr. Trump believes the U.S.-India economic relationship has been "out of balance" for many years.

"Given the vibrant political discourse in India, [Mr.] Modi needed to respond publicly and firmly to the new tariffs. But he should also be careful not to paint himself into a corner and to remain open to discussing ways to resolve the current trade dispute," he said, expressing the hope that the two leaders would meet on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in September.

Indian government officials, however, said that there were no plans for Mr. Modi to visit the U.S. for the UNGA at present.

Pre-test for Census 2027 to be done in Oct.-Nov.

Other aspects such as self-enumeration, digital mapping tools, and a web-based portal for real-time monitoring and management will also be tried out during the pre-test, the DCOs were informed.

This is the first Census since 2011 as the exercise that was scheduled for 2021 was delayed, initially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will now be completed in 2027.

The pre-test for the planned 2021 Census took place in 2019, covering more than 26 lakh people in 76 districts of 36 States and Union Territories.

Around 6,000 enumerators and 1,100 supervisors from State governments were engaged in 2019.

That exercise included questions on household amenities from the first phase, and queries for the National Population Register (NPR) and population enumeration from the second phase, tested in succession from August 12 to September 30, 2019.

Unlike the previous instances, however, this year's pre-test this time will only cover questions about the first phase and not the second population enumeration phase where caste is to be tabulated.

On July 29, the Union government informed the Lok Sabha that no decision has been taken to update the NPR during the upcoming Population Census 2027 exercise.

The NPR is the first step for the creation of a National Register of Citizens (NRC), according to the Citizenship Rules, 2003 under the Citizenship Act, 1955. The NPR was first created in 2010 and data was collected simultaneously during the first phase of the 2011 Census.

The NPR database, which has the details of 119 crore residents, was updated in 2015-16. The RGI had earlier informed the States that the boundaries of administrative units will be frozen by December 31, noting that if any changes are to be made to the limits of tehsils and districts, they should be completed before the end of the year.

India, Canada signal end of diplomatic spat

"The appointment of a new High Commissioner reflects Canada's step-by-step approach to deepening diplomatic engagement and advancing bilateral cooperation with India. This appointment is an important development toward restoring services for Canadians while strengthening the bilateral relationship to support Canada's economy," said Ms. Anand on Thursday.

India and Canada engaged in a tit-for-tat diplomatic spat after relations deteriorated over Canadian authorities blaming Indian agents for the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Surrey, on June 18, 2023. India on October 14, 2024, withdrew its High Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Verma and other senior diplomats stationed in Canada's capital Ottawa. Before that, last September, India had expelled Canada's High Commissioner Cameron MacKay.

In January 2025, Liberal Party's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who had made dramatic allegations in the Canadian parliament in September 2023, about India's alleged involvement in the killing of Nijjar, resigned in the backdrop of increased political uncertainty at home. Despite facing setbacks earlier, the Liberal Party led by Trudeau's successor Mr. Carney won the election in April defeating conservative leader Pierre Poilievre. A beginning towards restoring the relationship was made on May 25 when External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke with Ms. Anand and conveyed his best wishes for a successful tenure ahead. This was followed by Mr. Modi's arrival in Kananaskis on June 16 for the G7 summit.

Governor cannot act as 'super CM', Tamil Nadu tells Supreme Court

The Governor is at best a 'lubricator' or 'facilitator' but not a legislator, says Tamil Nadu's counsel A.M. Singhvi; how can Governor be interpreted as having the last word on a Bill, he asks a Presidential Reference Bench headed by CJI Gavai

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The State of Tamil Nadu on Thursday countered in the Supreme Court the version of the Centre and BJP-ruled States that gubernatorial discretion is "wide", saying a Governor cannot act as "super Chief Minister" and there cannot be "two swords in the same scabbard".

Appearing before a Presidential Reference Bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai, senior advocate A.M. Singhvi said the Governor is at best a "lubricator", a "facilitator", but not a legislator.

Tamil Nadu argued that a Chief Minister and his Cabinet must, in the best interest of democracy and the parliamentary form of governance, be responsible for the good governance of a State.

"A Governor is a part of the legislative process, but he is not part of the legislation of the State. He is not a legislator. He may have a role in the legislative process, but that too on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers," Mr. Singhvi submitted.

Court proceedings: A.M. Singhvi argues before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai. YOUTUBE@SUPREMECOURTOFINDIA

He referred to the submissions raised by the Centre and States supporting the Presidential Reference, which has raised questions about the time limits prescribed by the apex court in an April 8, 2025 judgment in the Tamil Nadu Governor case, noting that many doomsday scenarios were portrayed if the Governor's discretion under Article 200 (assent to State Bills) was curtailed.

"Hypothetically anything may happen. The sky may fall on our heads. Constitutional interpretations cannot be done in the backdrop of doomsday predictions... A Governor cannot have a dominating role over the State executive or legislature," Mr. Singhvi said. Tamil Nadu asked the Bench how a Governor could be interpreted as having the last word on a Bill.

"The power to assent, withhold, return Bills by the Governor is only to facilitate law-making in the State... In responsible governments, there is no room for the 'general' discretion of the Governor... General discretion to Governor would create chaos," Mr. Singhvi contended.

He said a Governor's discretion to return a Bill to the Assembly or refer to the President were both guided by the State Cabinet.

"There would be situations in which the government would want a rethink. There could be a change of policy – all these are possibilities for the Governor to return the Bill to the Assembly. There may be cases where the government itself knows the Bill requires Presidential assent or the government is in doubt, then Governor may refer it to the President," Mr. Singhvi explained.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the Centre, made additional submissions on the question whether a State could move the top court under Article 32 complaining of violation of its fundamental rights by the Governor.

"A State is the bearer of constitutional duties, not the holder of fundamental rights. Therefore, a State cannot maintain a petition under Article 32 on the footing that its own fundamental rights have been infringed. A State cannot use Article 32 to litigate fundamental rights in a representative capacity," Mr. Mehta argued.

He also submitted that a Governor enjoyed "complete immunity" under Article 361 for his performance in office.

Both nations must jointly ensure peace: China military

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BEIJING

China and India must jointly safeguard peace and tranquillity in their border areas after the recent positive and constructive round of border talks between them during which a 10-point consensus was reached, the Chinese military said on Thursday.

The Special Representatives, NSA Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, held the 24th Round of Talks on the India-China Boundary Question in Delhi on August 19.

A 10-point consensus was reached, and the two sides agreed to utilise the border management and control mechanisms, China's Defence Spokesperson Zhang Xiaogang said.

The Doval-Wang talks produced five concrete outcomes that included setting up an expert group under the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination to explore an "early harvest in boundary delimitation".

India flags 'denial and delay' by Bangladesh in accepting undocumented migrants

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Border Security Force (BSF) has flagged "denial and delay" by Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) in accepting apprehended "illegal Bangladeshi entrants" along the eastern border at a three-day conference at the level of Director-General in Dhaka.

Daljit Singh Chaudhary

At the meeting held from August 25 to 28, the BSF stressed the need for early construction of a single-row fence without any defence potential, which has been opposed by the BGB at multiple locations after political changes in Bangladesh in August 2024.

The BSF delegation said the fence would prevent cross-border crimes and the entry of undocumented migrants. A government source said the BGB claimed it was raising awareness among the border population not to cross into India, but no concrete steps, such as putting up a fence, had been taken by it.

The BGB raised concerns on "pushback" of undocumented Bangladeshi migrants, Myanmarese nationals and even Indians along the border saying that nearly 2,500 people had been pushed into the country.

After the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, on the directions of the Union Home Ministry, the States began a crackdown on undocumented Bangladeshi migrants who were then sent across the border to avoid legal procedures that take years to complete. The Indian government has not acknowledged the "pushbacks".

Asked about the pushbacks at a press conference in Dhaka, Daljit Singh Chaudhary, Director-General, BSF said, "...exfiltration is happening, people are returning through proper channels, they are also coming back through gaps...."

The BSF raised attack on BSF personnel and other Indian nationals by Bangladesh-based criminals, need for joint efforts to prevent trans-border crimes and action against Indian insurgent groups.

17 dead as portion of illegal 4-storey building collapses in Maharashtra; builder held

Purnima Sah
MUMBAI

Seventeen people, including a one-year-old girl, died after a portion of an illegal four-storey apartment collapsed early on Wednesday at Virar (East) in Palghar of Maharashtra. The builder has been arrested.

A spokesperson of the Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation said the building, Ramabai Apartment, which was constructed in 2012, was unauthorised. It had about 50 flats, of which 12 collapsed.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday expressed grief over the tragedy and announced an assistance of ₹5 lakh each to the families of the deceased. A statement from the CMO's office said nine people had been rescued.

Ground zero: Rescue operation underway at the site of collapse at Virar, in Palghar district on Thursday. PTI

State Disaster Management and Water Resources Minister Girish Mahajan said the entire cost of treatment of the injured will be borne by the State. "Temporary shelters, food, and essential supplies have been arranged, and all possible support will be extended for rehabilitation," he said.

District Disaster Management Officer, Vivekananda Kadam, said the incident happened when a birthday party of a one-year-old girl (now deceased) was under way. He said the building collapsed on a tenement.

"Since the chawls and nearby buildings were also at risk, the residents were immediately evacuated," Mr. Kadam said.

Security agreement, business pacts, bullet train ride on PM's Japan agenda

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart, Shigeru Ishiba, will travel together on a bullet train during his two-day visit to Japan from Friday.

In a statement shortly before leaving for Tokyo on Thursday night, Mr. Modi said the visit would "expand the scope and ambition" of economic and investment ties, and "advance cooperation in new and emerging technologies, including AI and Semiconductors".

During the visit, the two Prime Ministers will hold the much-delayed 15th annual summit, and are expected to upgrade the 2008 Declaration on Security Cooperation, including defence hardware purchases, launch an "Economic Security" initiative to build resilient supply chains in areas such as critical minerals and artificial intelligence, and increase Japan's investment targets to about $68 billion.

In schedule: During his visit, Narendra Modi will travel by a bullet train to Sendai with Shigeru Ishiba. FILE PHOTO

They will also discuss the India-Japan Indo-Pacific plans for the Quad summit due to be held in India, in the face of growing India-U.S. tensions.

The leaders will attend a business event on the sidelines of the visit, and officials estimate that nearly 100 business-to-business (B2B) agreements are likely to be signed. While bilateral trade between India and Japan is relatively low at about $22.8 billion, Japan is India's fifth-largest source of foreign direct investment, with $43.2 billion cumulative investment up to December 2024.

The two sides are also expected to discuss Mr. Modi's travel from Japan to China to attend the SCO Summit, where he will hold talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Meeting with diaspora

Mr. Modi will arrive in Tokyo on Friday morning. Mr Modi is also expected to meet with some members of the Indian diaspora that number about 54,000 across the country.

At the India-Japan Summit, the two sides will release a joint statement as well as the 2035 Vision Statement to upgrade the 2025 Vision Statement announced by Mr. Modi and then Prime Minister Shinzo Abe a decade ago.

On Saturday, Mr. Modi and Mr. Ishiba will travel by the Shinkansen High Speed Rail Network, or bullet train, to Sendai in Miyagi Prefecture, recreating a ride Mr. Modi took with Abe in 2016. They will visit a semiconductor factory and inspect the Tohoku Shinkansen factory of the East Japan Railway Company, officials said. They will discuss the next steps in the 508-km Mumbai-Ahmedabad Shinkansen project, launched in 2017 with Japanese funding. Japan has been India's largest overseas development aid donor since 1958, and the Shinkansen project, originally billed at $17 billion, is a major venture for both countries.

SC declines to quash FIR against journalist Abhisar Sharma

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday granted a four-week interim protection from arrest to journalist Abhisar Sharma, and directed him to approach the Gauhati High Court to challenge an FIR lodged against him by the Assam Police over a video post allegedly criticising the State's policies.

The FIR had invoked Section 152 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which criminalises "acts endangering the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India".

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the journalist, argued that Section 152 had become an "omnibus provision" that was being indiscriminately invoked to stifle dissent. However, a Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and N. Kotiswar Singh questioned why the petitioner had approached the court directly, "bypassing" the Gauhati High Court.

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Master Raviraj Tryambak Sakhare, MRN No. 12520000180085, 10-years and 01 month son of Mr. Tryambak Narayan Sakhare admitted SRCC Children's Hospital has been diagnosed with Thalassemia Major. Needing Haploidentical Bone Marrow Transplant with kit. The approximate cost of the BMT would be Rs.36,48,000/-.

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CPI(ML), RJD file 82 objections against draft electoral rolls

The Bihar SIR list can be challenged till September 1; so far, CPI(ML) and RJD have filed 79 and three complaints, respectively, says the poll body

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Under review: BLOs assess forms submitted during the Special Intensive Revision of voter rolls in Bihar's Saran on July 11.

The Election Commission on Thursday said it had received 82 claims and objections from booth-level agents (BLAs) of political parties in the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar as against 1,95,802 from individual voters.

Out of these 82 complaints, 79 have been filed by the CPI(ML) and three by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), both Opposition parties.

Challenges to additions and deletion of names on the draft electoral rolls, which were published on August 1, can be filed till September 1.

Last week, the Supreme Court, while asking political parties to assist the people who have been excluded from the draft electoral rolls, had expressed surprise that though there were over 1.6 lakh BLAs, only two objections had been filed, according to the poll body.

On August 22, the top court, while hearing challenges against the SIR, had observed, "We are surprised at inaction of political parties. After appointing BLAs, what are they doing... Why distance between political workers and the local people?" The court though had also noted the submission of the political parties that BLAs were not being allowed to submit their objections.

Out of the total 1.6 lakh BLAs, the RJD has 47,506, CPI(ML) 1,496, BJP 53,338 and Congress 17,549 among others.

Ongoing tug-of-war

The poll body and the political parties have been engaged in a tug-of-war over complaints filed. While the political parties had claimed that they had filed complaints and got those countersigned as receipts, the EC had said, in press statements till August 21, that the BLAs had filed no claims and objections.

The poll panel's statement on August 18, for the first time, mentioned in a footnote that the BLAs should file claims and objections in the requisite Form 6 and Form 7 along with prescribed declaration, and that generic complaints, without the prescribed forms or declaration, would not be counted.

While 7.24 crore voters made it to the draft electoral rolls, the EC had deleted 65 lakh names from the July 2025 voter list citing deaths, migration and duplicate entries among other reasons. The figures for claims and objections filed include those from among the deleted list.

'The people of Bihar want to oust NDA, voter rights rally has become a lifeline'

Congress general secretary (organisation) says any talk about infiltrators is the typical polarisation bogey of the BJP to divert the attention of voters from real issues; INDIA bloc's fight against 'vote theft' has become a public movement in Bihar, he says

INTERVIEW

K.C. Venugopal

Amit Bhelari
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SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

The Voter Adhikar Yatra (rally for voters' rights) is a crucial milestone in the country's fight against "vote theft" and the people of Bihar are eagerly waiting for a chance to throw out the National Democratic Alliance in the Assembly election, says Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal. In an interview after taking part in a massive public meeting held at Muzaffarpur on Wednesday, Mr. Venugopal said it was unfortunate that the Election Commission was destroying its own credibility. Excerpts:

What is your take on the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra'?

It has been a phenomenal public movement across Bihar. The Tughlaqi SIR [Special Intensive Revision] exercise started by the EC [Election Commission] under the BJP's directions has caused widespread havoc in Bihar. Conducting this SIR three months before elections in such a rushed manner, without allowing Aadhaar and ration card as valid proof, and during floods, has spread panic in a society that is already living in very difficult circumstances. The yatra is a lifeline for the people of Bihar who were lost and confused about the future of democracy in Bihar.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is saying Rahul Gandhi is misleading the people in the name of SIR and wants to allow infiltrators to vote.

I challenge the BJP to give a list of 'infiltrators' they have identified through this SIR. The talk of 'infiltrators' is the typical polarisation bogey of the BJP, when they run out of ideas. The truth is, the BJP/NDA is highly unpopular, with record migration out of Bihar, their complete failure to address extreme poverty, a completely collapsed health and education system, and murders happening in broad daylight. When they have no answers to these grave issues, they bring up the 'infiltration' issue to distract and divert attention.

Why do you think that the EC, which is a constitutional body, has failed to uphold transparency?

The EC's conduct over the last many years has been unbecoming of a constitutional body that must maintain neutrality and objectivity in its conduct. For many years, we have been demanding transparency regarding the voter rolls process, EVMs, and even the manner in which decisions regarding Model Code of Conduct (MCC) violations are taken. The EC's approach has been dismissive and combative against the Opposition. Why did the EC refuse to disclose the names of 65 lakh voters struck off during the SIR process? Don't the people have a right to know if, and why, their name has been struck off the electoral rolls? When Rahul Gandhi *ji* made such damning revelations about vote theft in Mahadevapura, the EC sought an affidavit, instead of taking up the issue and doing a thorough inquiry on its own. That shows their true intention. It is unfortunate that a constitutional body that once enjoyed trust across political lines is now acting like a BJP agent.

Amit Shah has raised questions on the moral stance of the Congress, asking why Rahul Gandhi tore the Ordinance brought by then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh that sought to overturn a Supreme Court order on disqualification of convicted lawmakers...

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who was excommunicated from Gujarat for his acts as Gujarat Home Minister, should be the last person to give lessons on morality. During the UPA [United Progressive Alliance] regime, Rahul *ji* took a principled stance that if a politician is convicted, after due judicial process, they should not be allowed to hold office. The 130th Constitution Amendment Bill has no due process whatsoever. If the ED or CBI one day wakes up and arrests a CM and keeps him in jail for 30 days, the BJP gets a window to topple an elected State government. We know the BJP's track record of hounding and targeting Opposition leaders. 98% of ED's cases involving politicians are against Opposition leaders and have an abysmal conviction rate. This shows that the Home Minister's true intentions with this Bill are not moral but political. This is a Damocles' sword constantly hanging over not only the Opposition but all the alliance partners of the BJP, including Nitish Kumar *ji* and Chandrababu Naidu *ji*. Toe the line or else...

What is your prediction for the Bihar election as far as the performance of the INDIA bloc is concerned?

The people of Bihar are eagerly waiting for a chance to throw the NDA out. The INDIA bloc is united, marching on, and growing from strength to strength.

(Full interview is at newsth.live/venugopal)

Additional U.S. tariffs will lead to job losses, says Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The additional 25% tariff imposed by the U.S. over its initial 25% tariff is a result of the "superficial foreign policy" of the Narendra Modi government, and as a result India is estimated to lose over ₹2 lakh crore, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has said as the new tariff regime kicked in.

The additional tariff, announced by U.S. President Donald Trump, came into effect on Wednesday.

"Narendra Modi *ji*, your dear friend *'Abki Baar, Trump Sarkar'* has imposed 50% tariffs on India starting today. We will lose an estimated ₹2.17 lakh crore as the first jolt to this tariff, across 10 sectors alone," Mr. Kharge said in a post on X.

Noting that "our farmers, especially cotton farmers, have been badly hit", the Congress chief said: "You had said you are ready to pay any 'personal price' to protect them, but you have done absolutely nothing to soften the blow and protect their livelihoods."

Mr. Kharge said the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) suggests that almost 1% of India's GDP could be impacted, and that China would benefit from it.

Job losses

"Several export-oriented important sectors, including MSMEs, will experience massive job losses. A snapshot – which is just a tip of the iceberg – reveals the Indian textile export sector is facing potential job losses of about 500,000, including both direct and indirect employment...," Mr. Kharge said.

Row erupts in Bihar over video of 'minor' using abusive words against PM during yatra

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav were not present at the event

A political row erupted in poll-bound Bihar on Thursday over a video on social media which showed a speaker, said to be a minor, abusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Opposition's Voter Adhikar Yatra in Dharbhanga district a day earlier.

Condemning the incident, the Bharatiya Janata Party criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for it. The party lodged a complaint against him at a police station in Patna.

'Sincere apology'

The speaker is not visible in the video but is said to be a minor. Local Youth Congress leader Mohammad Naushad tendered an apology, and said it should not have happened as Mr. Modi was the Prime Minister of the whole country. "It happened when I was not present on the dais. It should not have happened. A minor did it and his mic was immediately snatched, and he was also slapped by elders for speaking such derogatory words against the Prime Minister. I sincerely apologise for this," Mr. Naushad said.

Mr. Gandhi and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav were not present when the alleged words were spoken at Bithauli village in the Jale Assembly constituency. Mr. Gandhi was said to be on his way to Muzaffarpur from Darbhanga.

Indecent language: BJP

BJP leaders strongly condemned the incident and criticised Mr. Gandhi over it.The party's Bihar executive working committee member Krishna Singh Kallu lodged a complaint against Mr. Gandhi at Patna's Gandhi Maidan police station.

On its official X handle, the BJP said, "Extremely indecent language was used from Rahul and Tejashwi's yatra stage against the revered late mother of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Such vulgarity has never been seen before in politics."

BJP president J.P. Nadda said on X: "The so-called Vote Adhikar Yatra of the Congress, in which the late mother of the country's illustrious Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi *ji* was abused from the Congress-RJD platform, is highly condemnable and reprehensible... Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav should immediately apologise for this heinous act."

Home Minister Amit Shah criticised "the use of abusive language filled with expletives". He said, "...Under Rahul Gandhi's leadership, the Congress's politics has reached its lowest level. They cannot tolerate that a poor mother's son has been sitting in the Prime Minister's chair for the past 11 years and is continuously taking the country forward under his leadership." Mr. Shah said this clearly showed that the Congress had returned to its old ways and character, through which it had always poisoned the country's political culture.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the "use of indecent language against Mr. Modi's late mother was extremely shameful and condemnable" and it reflected "the peak of hatred against PM Modi by Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav, and the entire INDI alliance".

At a press conference, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra called Mr. Gandhi "the new Mani Shankar Aiyar", and accused Congress leaders of targeting constitutional institutions without any basis.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat speaking at an event to mark the centenary year of the organisation in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

Never set retirement age for anyone, says Mohan Bhagwat

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

A month after his remark that those holding constitutional posts should retire at 75, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday said he had never said that he or anyone should retire at any specific age.

His previous remark had stoked a political controversy with the Congress and the Opposition leaders saying that it was a 'hint' for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is turning 75 in September, to step aside. Mr. Bhagwat is turning 75 this September.

Speaking at an RSS event in Vigyan Bhavan here, he said: "I never said I will retire or someone should retire at 75. We are *swayamsevak* (volunteers), we are given a job and we can't say no to it. It's not allowed in Sangh. I will work till the time this organisation wants me to work."

Clarifying that even he is dispensable, Mr. Bhagwat said there were several people in the Sangh who could replace him. "There are at least 10 other people sitting in this hall who can be *sarsanghchalak*. It's just that they are very busy and they cannot be spared due to their valuable contribution to the organisation. I was the one who can be spared," he said.

Claim on mosques

At a time when courts are flooded with petitions laying claim to various mosques, Mr. Bhagwat said the Sangh would not support any such movement. He, however, said the Sangh would not stop its swayamsevaks if they wanted to join such campaigns.

The RSS chief said the Sangh was part of only the Ram temple movement. "We joined the Ram temple movement and took it to a crescendo. I am making it clear that the Sangh will not join any other movement linked to temples," he said, alluding to the claim over the Krishna Janmabhoomi temple that abuts the Shahi Eidgah in Mathura, and the Kashi Vishwanath temple, which is adjacent to the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi.

On the RSS's differences with the BJP, and if the organisation had any say in the party's functioning and choosing its president, Mr. Bhagwat denied that the Sangh dictated terms to any of its affiliates. "Yes, we give them [BJP] suggestions but we cannot impose anything on them," he said.

Questions in Justice Nagarathna's dissent remain as two SC judges to be sworn in today

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Justice B.V. Nagarathna

Questions raised by Justice B.V. Nagarathna in a dissent to the elevation of Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi to the Supreme Court remain even as Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai is scheduled to read the oath of office to the judge and Justice Alok Aradhe on Friday.

The lone woman top court judge's questions in her dissent included the reasons for the transfer of Justice Pancholi from Gujarat to Patna in July 2023 and why a team of senior lawyers had urgently sought a meeting with then Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud (now retired), in the presence of Justice M.R. Shah (retired), then a Supreme Court judge whose parent High Court was Gujarat and had served as the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court, to plead for Justice Pancholi's immediate transfer.

In her dissent, Justice Nagarathna had asked the Supreme Court Collegium to call for the minutes of its meeting in which Justice Pancholi's transfer to Patna was proposed.

She had queried why Justice Vikram Nath, currently a collegium member and formerly Gujarat Chief Justice, had summoned Justice Pancholi to reprimand him. It also appears that Justice Nath had expressed reservations, alongside Justice Nagarathna, when Chief Justice Gavai proposed the elevation of Justice Pancholi on May 25.

Opinions of judges

She highlighted that the opinions of Justices Shah, Nath and J.B. Pardiwala of the Supreme Court and Justice Aravind Kumar, who was Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court then and currently an apex court judge, were sought about Justice Pancholi's transfer to Patna High Court. They had all agreed to the transfer proposal.

However, the opinion of Justice Pardiwala was not sought during Justice Pancholi's elevation as the Patna High Court Chief Justice by a three-member Supreme Court Collegium.

A source close to the development said Justice Nagarathna's dissent emphasised the need to have a "really high" threshold in place while recommending judges to the Supreme Court, especially those who would be in line for future Chief Justiceship of India.

Claims on elevation

Statements have appeared in the public domain linking Justice Nagarathna's elevation to the top court to her father and 19th Chief Justice of India E.S. Venkataramiah. However, Justice Nagarathna was elevated to the Karnataka High Court Bench in February 2008, a decade after her father had died in September 1997.

The judge's elevation to the top court came nearly 24 years after the former CJI passed on.

INBRIEF

India hosts international meeting on military medicine

Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth on Thursday inaugurated "MILMEDICON-2025: international conference on physical and mental trauma in military settings" at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. The two-day event has been organised by the Directorate General of Medical Services (Army). Mr. Seth underlined India's commitment to advancing military medicine through global partnerships and research. "It is a fitting tribute to our warriors and a crucial step towards future-ready healthcare solutions," he said. Marking the Indian Army's 'Year of Reforms', it is positioned as a strategic initiative to strengthen international cooperation and enhance trauma care in operational settings.

Maoists kill visiting teacher in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district

Maoists killed a 30-year-old man working as a *shikshadoot* (temporary visiting teacher in government schools) in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district on Wednesday evening, the police said. Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran S. Chavan said that around 7.30 p.m., they received information that *shikshadoot* Laxman Barse had been murdered by Naxalites, armed with sharp-edged weapons, in Silger village. He added that Barse's family members tried to intervene but were also assaulted by the attackers. The police suspect that Barse was killed on suspicion of being a police informer, Bastar Inspector-General of Police P. Sundarraj said.

Water levels begin to recede as J&K battles flood impact

CM directs officials to restore transportation and electricity in all affected areas; Jammu-Srinagar NH still out of bounds for traffic, schools across Jammu division to remain closed till tomorrow

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Water levels began receding in most rivers of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, bringing relief to hundreds affected by the heavy rain, flash floods, and landslips over the past few days in the Union Territory.

"We are out of danger for now. Waters have started receding in [rivers] of the Jammu and Kashmir divisions. They recede faster in Jammu and take some time in Kashmir. I have directed [officials] to ensure smooth transportation, restoration of electricity, mobile toilets and medical camps in all affected areas," Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said.

However, he hinted that slipshod measures were aggravating the flood situation in J&K despite the special initiatives that were launched after the devastating floods of 2014 that inflicted unprecedented damage to private and public infrastructure in the Union Territory.

"Had the rainfall continued for a day or more, we would have faced immense difficulties. I will have to sit with the officers and understand what we have done after 2014. It was after six to seven days of rains that floods hit Kashmir. This time, just two days of rain brought Kashmir to the brink of floods," Mr. Abdullah said.

Hit hard: Drivers make their way through a waterlogged street in Srinagar on Thursday. IMRAN NISSAR

'Corrective measures'

He said the government needs to take corrective measures to end the perpetual fear of floods in the Kashmir Valley. "Where was the money spent? How much carrying capacity of the flood channels was increased? How much did we succeed by undertaking dredging in the Jhelum?" Mr. Abdullah said.

Meanwhile, the flash floods and landslips that left over 40 civilians dead in the past few days in J&K continued to disrupt normal life.

The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remained closed for traffic due to multiple landslips, officials said.

The Jal Shakti Department grappled to fully restore water supply in Jammu, which was badly hit by flash floods in the Tawi river. "Water supply in some areas is likely to remain disrupted till the restoration work is completed," Mohammad Hanief, Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti, Jammu, said.

The J&K government was yet to assess the extent of damage inflicted on public structures in the past few days.

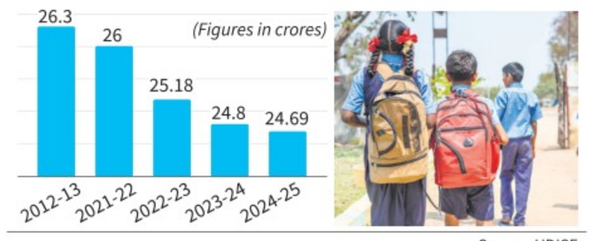
Hundreds of houses were affected by flood waters and landslips in Jammu Division districts such as Kishtwar, Doda, Jammu, Reasi and Kathua.

Unsafe conditions

Officials said due to the continuous heavy rainfall and unsafe conditions, all schools across the Jammu division will remain closed till August 30. In the Chenab Valley, the administration stepped up measures to restore electricity, Internet, and communication services in Doda district.

Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader and MLA of Kulgam, M.Y. Tarigami, said the floods have wreaked havoc on bridges, roads, infrastructure, agriculture, and left thousands of residents in distress.

"The horticulture and agriculture sectors have suffered massive losses both in Jammu and Kashmir. The catastrophe should serve as a wake-up call. The government should declare the natural calamities as a national disaster," Mr. Tarigami said.



School enrolment in 3-11 age group down by 25 lakh: UDISE+

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Total enrolment of students aged between three and 11 in schools across India – encompassing anganwadi, pre-school and Classes 1 to 5 – dropped by nearly 25 lakh in 2024-25 compared with the 2023-24 figures, say the latest Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) data released by the Education Ministry on Thursday.

The UDISE+ 2023-24 report said that 12.09 crore students enrolled in foundational and preparatory stages, which declined to 11.84 crore students, a dip of 24.93 lakh, in 2024-25.

The latest data show that the total school enrolment number (from Classes 1 to 12) has fallen by 11 lakh students, from 24.8 crore (2023-24) to 24.69 crore (2024-25), an all-time low since 2018-19. These include students in government, government-aided, private and other schools.

Falling birth rates

"The decline in the enrolment numbers may largely be attributed to demographic shifts with falling birth rates in primary school-age population. In addition, the decline could also be explained in terms of the presence of the children in pre-primary standalone private institutions," a senior official in the Ministry told *The Hindu*.

Except Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Meghalaya, all States have achieved fertility rates below replacement levels. "Fewer children being born may be leading to lower enrolment," an official said. India's total fertility rate (TFR) dropped to 1.91 per woman by 2021, below the replacement level of 2.1, according to the latest National Family Health Survey, 2021.

Officials said that for calculating parameters such as Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) – the total enrolment in a specific level of education and expressed as a percentage of the eligible official school-age population – the 2011 Census data were used. "Once the 2026 Census data is available, a lot of these projections will be modified," the official added.

In the 2012-13 report, the total number of students studying in India from Classes 1 to 12 was reported to be 26.3 crore. In November 2022, when the 2021-22 data were released, the number hovered around 26 crore. The 2022-23 data pegged the enrolment at 25.18 crore, which further fell to 24.8 crore in 2023-24, a drop of 6% or 1.22 crore from the 2021-22 figure.

Ministry officials have given a disclaimer that the reports of 2022-23 and 2023-24 are not strictly comparable to previous years' because of a change in the 'methodology' of data collection.

Officials said there was an increase of total enrolment of students by approximately 6 lakh between 2023-24 and 2024-25 in Classes 6 to 8. While 6.31 crore students were accounted for in the 2023-24 report, this increased to 6.36 crore in 2024-25. Total enrolment in Classes 9 to 12 saw an increase of roughly 8 lakh, a spike from 6.39 crore in 2023-24 to 6.48 crore in 2024-25. While the total enrolment has gone down, officials said that GER has improved. At middle level, GER rose from 89.5% in 2023-24 to 90.3% in 2024-25, while at secondary level it increased from 66.5% in 2023-24 to 68.5% in 2024-25.

Lower dropouts

Dropout rates have reduced as those joining school are not leaving compared with earlier years. In preparatory stages, dropout rates have reduced from 3.7% to 2.3% between 2023-24 and 2024-25. During the same years in middle school, dropouts reduced from 5.2% to 3.5% and in secondary school from 10.9% to 8.2%.

Bihar on alert over suspected entry of three Pak. terrorists

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

The Bihar Police put all border districts on high alert and tightened security across the poll-bound State on Thursday after intelligence inputs suggested that three suspected terrorists from Pakistan had entered the State through Nepal. A cash reward of ₹50,000 was announced for information on the suspected Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists.

The police said Hasnain Ali from Rawalpindi; Adil Hussain from Umarkot; and Mohammad Usman from Bahawalpur had arrived in Kathmandu during the second week of August and crossed into Araria district of Bihar last week. Vehicles are being checked in the border areas, a police official said.

Mumbai and Vizag among safest cities for women: NARI

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Mumbai, Visakhapatnam, Kohima,Bhubaneswar, Aizawl, Gangtok, and Itanagar have emerged as the safest cities in the country for women, while Patna, Jaipur, Faridabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Srinagar and Ranchi were ranked the lowest, according to the National Annual Report and Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025.

The nationwide index released on Thursday, based on a survey of 12,770 women across 31 cities, placed the national safety score at 65%.

Kohima and other top-ranked cities were associated with stronger gender equity, civic participation, policing and women-friendly infrastructure. Whereas, cities like Patna and Jaipur fared poorly due to weak institutional responsiveness, patriarchal norms and gaps in urban infrastructure, the report said.

The study revealed sharp drops in perceptions of safety at night across cities

Overall, six in 10 women surveyed felt "safe" in their city, but 40% still considered themselves "not so safe" or "unsafe". The study revealed sharp drops in perceptions of safety at night, particularly in public transport and recreational spaces.

Nearly 60% of MGNREGS budget already spent in first 5 months of financial year

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Nearly 60% of the budget allocated for the Union government's flagship rural employment programme – Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) – has been exhausted with a month still left to go for the second quarter to end. As per the data available with the Ministry of Rural Development, ₹51,521 crore out of ₹86,000 crore earmarked in the Union Budget for 2025-26 has been spent till date.

The Finance Ministry recently capped spending under the programme at 60% of its annual allocation for the first half of the financial year. The government thus will be left with ₹79 crore under the programme for September. There are 12.15 crore active workers who rely on the scheme to supplement their household's income.

As much as 38% of the budget went into covering the pending liability from 2024-25.

Nearly 38% of the budget allocated in 2025-26 went into covering the pending liability from the previous financial year of 2024-25.

In reply to a question in the Lok Sabha posed by Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra on August 5, the Ministry said that as on April 1, an amount of ₹17,259.56 crore was pending as wage liabilities and ₹15,641 crore as material liabilities from 2024-25. The expenditure in the corresponding period of that financial year was ₹61,829 crore, leading to a severe shortfall. No additional funds were allocated to the programme.

According to sources, top officials of the Ministry of Rural Development have again reached out to the Finance Ministry asking for a revised allocation, but sources said that so far there were no indications from the Finance Ministry on allotting additional funds.

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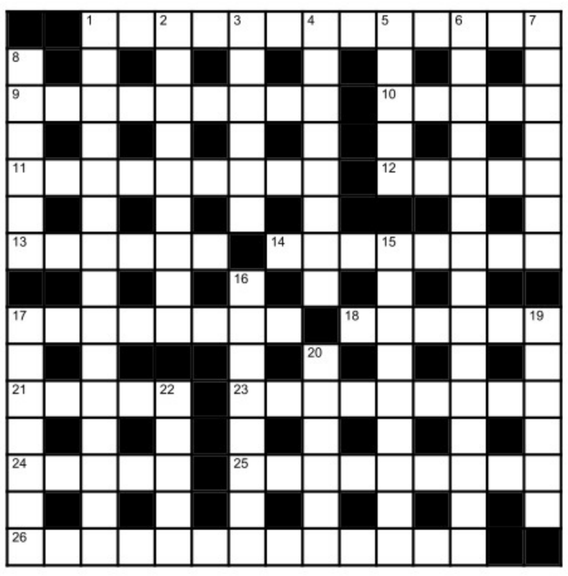

Across

1 Barely honest dealing, crafty move to cut rate (5,8)
9 Disgusting actor torn notes of hand (9)
10 Sage in the middle of crisis after consuming heroin (5)
11 The French about to stop by to pay attention (4,2,3)
12 Husband visiting food shop in city (5)
13 A maiden drink and drug in return for puzzle (6)
14 Angry doctor leaves good eggs with nothing but fruit (8)
17 Fought with old, green revolution (5,3)
18 They pickpocket swimmers (6)
21 Money to circulate in North Africa primarily (5)
23 Crime boss's assignment extremely mettlesome? I have no idea (4,3,2)
24 Curiously spending time finally in 12 to get a spice for Indian cuisine (5)
25 Something is distinctly better than cave about to collapse (1,3,5)
26 Destroy tent of Chinese, blow hot and cold (3,2,3,5)

Down

1 Cryptic solver thinking about setter as introvert (9,6)
2 Noted that a voucher mainly to show decimal roughly (9)
3 Beginning of puppy love that's not real (6)
4 Head sweeper strips tops in toilet (4,4)
5 Smoked, used bad language forgetting saint (5)
6 Say this when you don't understand, maybe like largest book? (3,3,5,2,2)
7 Losing weight? Get energy in the first place for putting things in presentable shape (7)
8 Fool made up story after breaking law (6)
15 Tell a tale of state about to restrain American marine (4,1,4)
16 Spooner says "Maybe Jack recycled material for money" (4,4)
17 Main wheel advances slowly in lifting devices (7)
19 Divorced wives essentially set out to hit the roof (3,3)
20 Consume drug on fun trip with girl on vacation (6)
22 Exotic Australian cat killing fox heartily for energy (5)

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FAITH

Moksha in modern times

A person who was born in Krita Yuga or Treta Yuga or Dwapara Yuga had the same goal that someone born in Kali Yuga has. The goal then was moksha; it still is moksha, says Velukkudi Krishnan in a discourse. But the method of working towards that goal was different in those yugas. While one had to spend many years striving for moksha in Krita Yuga, it got easier with the subsequent yugas, with Kali having the easiest way of reaching the Lord's feet.

In the earlier yugas, people spent many years of their life in meditation. They would live in a forest, or on a hill, or on a river bank, or near the ocean, and do dhyana in silence. Solitude and silence are required for uninterrupted meditation. Conditions in other yugas were conducive for such solitary meditation. This kind of solitary worship is not possible in Kali Yuga, and certainly not in the modern era, with crowds converging everywhere. Given our preoccupations, we may not have control over our *indriyas*, which is necessary for meditation.

There are two ways of practising dharma. One way is to expect the support of others when you follow your dharma. Another way is to do your dharma without depending on anyone. These days we need the support of others when we do our dharma. To worship without being in the company of others, and to pursue dharma solitarily, requires focus, concentration and control of the mind, which very few in Kali Yuga possess. So, in Kali Yuga we do not indulge in *tapas* or meditation as in past yugas.

Temple worship is a great boon in Kali Yuga. We can focus our thoughts on the idol in a temple. We can organise visits to temples along with our families or other devotees.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,081	-0.87
US Dollar	87.58	0.12
Gold	1,01,570	0.29
Brent oil	67.64	—

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2275.20	3.20
Adani Ports	1315.40	0.00
Apollo Hosp	7728.00	-65.50
Asian Paints	2489.00	7.60
Axis Bank	1051.90	1.80
Bajaj Auto	8689.50	-2.00
Bajaj Finserv	1917.60	-6.60
Bajaj Finance	876.85	0.60
Bharat Elec	363.85	-2.00
Bharti Airtel	1881.10	-23.60
Cipla	1580.30	0.50
Coal India	374.30	1.85
Dr Reddys Lab	1259.80	-3.40
Eicher Motors	6133.00	-18.00
Eternal Ltd.	315.50	-2.40
Grasim Ind	2784.30	-11.90
HCL Tech	1449.80	-43.00
HDFC Bank	957.80	-15.60
HDFC Life	775.35	-1.25
Hero MotoCorp	5091.70	18.30
Hindalco	701.40	-4.30
Hind Unilever	2654.40	-38.20
ICICI Bank	1399.10	-17.50
IndusInd Bank	746.60	-9.80
Infosys	1500.10	-29.50
ITC	400.90	-2.45
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	310.10	-5.65
JSW Steel	1035.80	-11.30
Kotak Bank	1944.70	-21.00
L&T	3560.10	18.80
M&M	3295.30	-35.50
Maruti Suzuki	14752.00	38.00
NestleIndia	1162.40	0.20
NTPC	330.80	-2.40
ONGC	233.39	-0.80
PowerGrid Corp	274.45	-5.45
Reliance Ind	1385.90	1.00
SBI Life	1816.80	0.20
State Bank	801.95	-5.90
Shriram Finance Ltd.	571.65	-23.05
Sun Pharma	1585.70	-14.60
TataConsumerProduct	1062.40	-17.50
Tata Motors	675.45	-6.20
Tata Steel	153.63	-1.40
TCS	3093.70	-63.50
Tech Mahindra	1495.60	-6.60
Titan	3637.70	43.70
Trent Ltd.	5235.50	-59.50
UltraTech Cement	12521.00	-89.00
Wipro	250.65	-1.38

With 50% tariffs in place, U.S. trade deal not 'practical': official

With the overhang of the additional tariff, it was not practical to have official level discussions on the BTA package with the U.S., says an official

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

The date for the next round of talks has not been finalised yet, an official says, hoping for a return to the table soon. REUTERS

The removal of additional 25% tariff on India is not a prerequisite for trade negotiations to resume between India and the U.S., but a trade deal would not "be practical" if these tariffs were to remain, according to a highly placed source in the Commerce Ministry.

They added that while negotiators from both sides are in contact, formal negotiations have not yet resumed and the date for the next round has not been decided. The government is also working to address the liquidity-related near-term concerns of exporters, they added.

"The formal round that was scheduled for the end of August has been postponed," a source said. "We have not finalised the date yet because with the overhang of the additional tariff, it was not practical to have official level discussions on the entire BTA package."

"Everything is on the table, but we understand that both (the 25% reciprocal tariff and the 25% penalty tariff) will have to be resolved together," the official added. "We hope to get back to the table soon."

However, they stressed that the Indian government did not see the removal of the 25% penalty tariffs as a "precondition" to resume the BTA talks.

Support for exporters

"The export bodies have asked for various types of support such as interest subvention, moratorium, and credit support, which we are considering," the source said. "One main issue they raised was on liquidity, and the government is working on ways to address this."

Auto sales slide 8% as buyers defer purchases anticipating tax cut

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

A total of 7,57,165 vehicles were registered between August 16 and 28. PTI

Overall automobile sales declined by over 8% year on year in the 13 days between August 16 and 28, as a segment of buyers are seen postponing their purchase decisions anticipating a steep cut in goods and services tax (GST).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced in his Independence Day address that GST rates would be revised downwards for most products and services.

As per data available on the Vahan portal, a total of 7,57,165 vehicles were registered in the said period compared with 8,25,516 units in the year-earlier period, down 8.27%.

As per the Vahan data, 6,372 units of heavy goods vehicles were sold compared with 6,972 units a year ago. And 1,40,515 units of light motor vehicles were sold compared with 1,43,404 units a year ago, down 2%. The two-wheeler (non-transport) segment witnessed registration of 5,33,401 units compared with 5,97,875 units in the same period last year, down 11%. In the three-wheeler category, 40,902 units were registered compared with 43,145 units a year ago, down 5%.

In the light commercial vehicle segment, 1,40,515 units were registered compared with 1,43,404 units a year ago, down 2%.

However, light passenger vehicle registrations saw a 5% increase to 11,997 units, compared with 11,393 units in the year ago period. Several other segments too have reported growth.

All automobile companies *The Hindu* spoke to declined to comment or share any numbers.

(With data inputs from Ashokamithran T.)

INBRIEF

Gangwal's family trust sells stake in IndiGo for ₹2,933 cr.

IndiGo promoter Rakesh Gangwal's family trust on Thursday sold a 1.3% stake in the country's largest airline for ₹2,933 crore through open market transactions, cumulatively offloading shares worth ₹14,497 crore so far this year. With the latest sale, the cumulative divestment by Rakesh Gangwal, along with his wife Shobha Gangwal and their family trust – the Chinkerpoo Family Trust –- stood at ₹39,532.79 crore, translating to around $4.51 billion. PTI

Mislabelling: Unichem recalls muscle relaxant in U.S.

Unichem Laboratories subsidiary Unichem Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc. is recalling one lot of muscle relaxant drug Cyclobenzaprine Hydrochloride Tablets USP 10 mg at the consumer level in the U.S. in the wake of mislabelling. "The Cyclobenzaprine 10mg (90 count) label was inadvertently placed on a bottle containing Meloxicam 7.5 mg tablets," the subsidiary cited as the reason for initiating the voluntary nationwide recall to the U.S. FDA.

'U.S. tariffs to slash diamond polishers' revenue by 28-30%'

The imposition of 50% tariffs by the U.S. on gem and jewellery is expected to lead to a revenue fall of India's natural diamond polishing industry by a steep 28-30% to $12.50 billion this fiscal, compared with $16 billion last fiscal, Crisil Ratings said in a note. The consequent reduced operating leverage could erode the operating margin of diamond polishers by 50-100 basis points and pressurise their credit profiles, the ratings firm added.

Delhi firm moves court against online gaming regulation law

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Online gaming company, Head Digital Works Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, which offers online games in the name of A23, on Thursday moved the Karnataka HC challenging the constitutional validity of the newly enacted Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025, which has banned all online Real Money Games (RMGs), be it games of skills, chance or both. The petitioner specifically challenged the validity of Sections 2(1)(g), 5, 6, 7 and 9 of the Act, which not only bans online games of skills like rummy and poker but also prohibits banks, financial institutions facilitating financial transactions or authorisation of funds from permitting any transactions towards payment for any online money gaming service. The primary contention of the petitioner is that the Act is contrary to the settled principle of law laid down by the SC that games of skill, involving risking of money or otherwise, are 'not things outside commerce' but a legitimate activity protected under Art. 19(1)(g) of the Constitution.

Murugappa Group's CG Semi opens 'pilot line' in Gujarat semiconductor facility

Aroon Deep
SANAND

Ashwini Vaishnaw at the inauguration of the facility in Sanand on Thursday. PTI

CG Semi, a subsidiary of the Murugappa Group that has received fiscal support from the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), inaugurated a "pilot line" on its semiconductor packaging facility in Sanand, Gujarat, on Thursday. The firm's ₹7,600 crore project is financed with 50% support from the Union government, in partnership with U.S. semiconductor firm Renesas Electronics, and Thai firm Stars Microelectronics.

This is the first plant among the 10 projects cleared under the ₹76,000-crore ISM to open its pilot line. Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw participated in the inauguration along with Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. Mr. Vaishnaw said that the 'state-of-the-art plant' pilot line would start producing chips "very soon" and will have a capacity of five lakh chips per day.

A pilot line is used to make "qualifying" chips, which are sent to potential customers before full scale manufacturing starts, which at full capacity amounts to millions of individual chips a day. The facility in Sanand will make chips for everything from "refrigerators to automobiles to consumer electronics", Mr. Vaishnaw said.

(The author was hosted in Gujarat by CG Semi.)

BSE proposes pre-open for equity derivatives

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Bombay Stock Exchange has proposed to introduce pre-open session for index & stock futures in the equity derivatives segment from December 8, 2025, according to its circular.

"Exchange already supports Pre-Open Session trading in the Equity Segment; now same message structures and field definitions will be applicable for Pre-Open Session trading in the Equity Derivatives Segment," the BSE said on Thursday.

Sahaj Agarwal of Kotak Securities said the move will reduce uncertainty for participants.

Cotton imports to be duty free till Dec. 31

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

The textile and apparel sector has welcomed the move.

The Indian textile industry will have access to duty-free imported cotton till the end of December this year, the Finance Ministry said on Thursday.

The government had announced on August 18 that the 11% import duty would be suspended till September 30 when the current cotton marketing season ends. The Finance Ministry said in a statement on Thursday that in a move to support textile exporters, it had been decided to extend the duty-free import till December 31, 2025.

India is expected to close the current cotton season – October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 – with nearly 40 lakh bales of imports. New crop arrivals for the next season – October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 – are likely to pick up after Deepavali.

The government has increased the minimum support price for cotton by 8% for the next season and the Cotton Corporation of India is gearing up for MSP operations across the cotton growing hubs.

It purchased close to 100 lakh bales in the current season.

The textile and apparel sector, which is staring at uncertainties because of the 50% U.S. tariff, has welcomed the extension of time for duty-free cotton imports.

"India will get access to quality cotton at the right prices. We are importing only because there is a shortage of cotton. The crop is the lowest this year. So, farmers will not be affected by this move," said Ravi Sam, vice chairman of Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council.

Further, the Indian textile industry has been urging for removal of import duty for the last four years. With the industry having access to raw material at affordable prices, the demand for cotton will go up and Indian farmers will benefit, he said.

Jaipal, a cotton farmer in Telangana, said the farmers will be hit as not just the industry, but traders too will import cotton.

Ajay Srivastava, founder of the Global Trade Research Initiative, said this is a short-term measure to support India's textile and apparel exporters, improve global competitiveness, and comes without any downside for Indian farmers.

The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry said removal of tariff barriers helps stabilise domestic prices. The Union budget announced a 'Mission for Cotton Productivity to facilitate significant improvements in productivity and sustainability of cotton farming.

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E - Tender Notice

O/o the Chief Engineer (Distribution Central), Ernakulam
E Tender ID No.2025_KSEB_786339_1, PAC : Rs. 3,98,93,530/-, Last Date: 08.09.2025, 03.00 pm
O/o the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Poovanthuruth, Kottayam
E Tender ID No.2025_KSEB_789441_1, PAC : Rs.1,09,97,559/-, Last Date: 15.09.2025, 03.00 pm
O/o the Chief Engineer , TransGrid, Shoranur, Palakkad
E Tender ID No.2025_KSEB_791251, PAC : Rs. 316,27,65,324/-, Last Date: 28.10.2025, 05.00 pm
Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in Ref : PR/MC1/E576/E-tender/2025

Clean Kerala Company Limited
Clean Kerala Company Limited (A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
Regd: Office: TC.29/1732, IInd Floor, State Municipal House, Vazhuthacaud, Trivandrum-695 010, Kerala
Email: cleankeralacompany@gmail.com
CIN - U90000KL2013SGC035624
Notification No: P/CKCL/3833/2025 Dated: 26.08.2025
E TENDER NOTIFICATION
Clean Kerala Company Ltd. invites proposals from experienced entities for implementing Total Sanitary Waste Management Projects in different clusters on PPP basis (B+DBFOT Model) in Kerala (Tender ID: 2025_CKCL-791139-1, 2025_CKCL-791826-1, 2025_CKCL-791840-1, 2025_CKCL-791849-1). RFP can be downloaded free of cost from the website: http://etenders.kerala.gov.in/. The last date and time of submission of proposal will be 22.09.2025, 6PM. For more details please visit: www.cleankeralacompany.com Sd/-, Ph: 0471-2724600 Managing Director

RAJASTHAN STATE HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY, JAIPUR
GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
RajKaj Ref No.: 16664488 Date: 13.08.2025
NIT No. 25/2025-26
INVITATION OF BIDS FOR TOLL COLLECTION
Bids for Collection of user fee through fee collecting agency on the basis of open competitive bidding in the state of Rajasthan toll plazas located at Jhunjhunu - Rajgarh Section of SH-41 from km 49+750 to 83+000 in Jhunjhunu district and 28+000 to 0+000 (Ch 0/0 at Rajgarh) in Churu district (total Length 62.730 km) in the state of Rajasthan are invited from interested bidders upto 12:30 AM on 15.09.2025.
Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state. The estimated value of Annual Remittance is Rs. 5,63,70,289/-
UBN No: PWD2526SLOB09989
Email: ho.rsha@rajasthan.gov.in
Tel: +91-141-2223547
Member (Tech.), RSHA, Jaipur
DIPR/C/12082/2025

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED
WBSETCL
(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise)
Registered Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700 091
CIN: U40101WB2007SGC113474 • web: www.wbsetcl.in
E-TENDER FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS ARE INVITED:-

NIT No.: CE(Procurement)/ WBSETCL/Trf_Oil/2025-26/19 Date: 29.08.2025	Work related to supply of 300 KL EHV grade Transformer Oil. Bid documents can be downloaded from 29.08.2025, 10:00 A.M. and bids shall be submitted (online) up to 04:00 P.M., 23.09.2025.
NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/ 400&220 kV CT/25-26/20 Date: 29.08.2025 (2nd call)	Procurement of Current Transformers (400 kV and 220 kV). Bid documents can be downloaded from 29.08.2025, 11:00 A.M. and bids shall be submitted (online) up to 04:00 P.M., 23.09.2025.
NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/33 kV CT/25-26/21 Date: 29.08.2025 (2nd call)	Procurement of Current Transformers (33 kV). Bid documents can be downloaded from 29.08.2025, 11:00 A.M. and bids shall be submitted (online) up to 04:00 P.M., 23.09.2025.

Visit the following websites - www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbsetcl.in for details.
ICA- T18494(3)/2025

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग प्रथम उदयपुर
क्रमांक ACE/NIT/2025-26/D-321 दिनांक 14.08.2025
निविदा सूचना संख्या: 10/2025-26
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से सी.आर.आई.एफ योजनान्तर्गत स्वीकृत विभिन्न सड़क निर्माण कार्य हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के एए श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 2 (दो) सड़क कार्य के लिए ई-प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

कार्य का नाम	सड़क निर्माण कार्य कुल 2 (दो) कार्य
निविदा की कुल लागत	राशि रु. 6452.00 लाख
ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख	25.08.2025 प्रातः 9:30 बजे से 15.09.2025 सायं 6.00 बजे तक
ऑनलाईन निविदा खोलने की तारीख	17.09.2025 सायं 4.00 बजे से

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेब साईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in व sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर ऑनलाइन सम्पादित की जावेगी।
NIB-PWD2526A2643, UBN-PWD2526WLOB09736, PWD2526WLOB09737
DIPR/C/11973/2025
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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM TECHNOPARK HARMONY@WORK
kerala IT EMPOWERING THE FUTURE
Tender Ref No : ETPK/TC/227/Re01/2025-26
Re-tender ID : 2025_ETPK_764002_2
E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors for 'Construction of an IT Office building under 'QUAD' project in Technopark Phase IV (Technocity) campus, Trivandrum'.
For further details, please visit https://etenders.kerala.gov.in.
Date: 28-08-2025 Chief Executive Officer
Trivandrum Technopark
D3/646/2025/I&PRD

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.W.D. CIRCLE DAUSA
क्रमांकः– फा./निविदा/2025–26/डी– 2269-84 दिनांक : 13/08/2025
Notice Inviting Bid
07/2025-26
Bids for **Nit No 07/2025-26, 10 Nos. Road Work** are invited from interested bidders upto **Date 09.09.2025, 06.00 P.M.** Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state, and - departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is **Rs. 3454.88 Lacs**
NIB code & UBN No.
NIB code. PWD2526A2689
UBN No. PWD2526WSOB09925
UBN No. PWD2526WSOB09926
NIB code. PWD2526A2690
UBN No. PWD2526WSOB09927
UBN No. PWD2526WSOB09928
UBN No. PWD2526WSOB09929
NIB code. PWD2526A2688
UBN No. PWD2526WLOB09924
UBN No. PWD2526WSOB09920
UBN No. PWD2526WSOB09921
UBN No. PWD 2526WSOB09923
UBN No. PWD2526WSRC09922
(M.L. Meena)
Superintending Engineer
PWD, Circle Dausa
DIPR/C/12110/2025

OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD, ZONE BIKANER
No:-1144 Dt.:-18-08-2025
NIB CODE:- PWD2526A2702
NIB NO. 07/2025-26
Bid **(On EPC Mode)** for Construction of Railway over Bridge (ROB) at Railway Crossing No. LC 224/B 1-2 Railway Km388/1-2 on SriDungargarh Bidasar Road (SH-93) Sri Dungargarh is invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM dt. 15.09.2025 (Monday) Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and DIPR department website. The approximate values of the procurement is Rs. **4104** Lakhs.
UBN Code No.
PWD2526WLOB10002
DIPR/C/12117/2025
Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD, Zone Bikaner

V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY
TUTICORIN – 628 004
SAGARMALA
GLOBAL NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Only Through E-Tendering Mode)
VOCPA E-Tendering Website : https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app
NIT No.03/ PD/Effective Capacity/2025-26/D.2786 Date:28.08.2025
V.O.Chidambaranar Port invites tenders (Online tenders) in "Two bid system" from interested, reputed, well experienced Consultants

Name of work	Consultancy services for Effective Capacity Assessment of All Major Ports by using a Standardized Methodology
Bid security amount	Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only)
Downloading of Tender from VOCPA online e-tendering website / CPP Portal	28.08.2025 to 18.09.2025
Pre Proposal Conference date.	03.09.2025 at 12:00 hrs through Video conference (Link will be sent to the bidders who show interest via mail)
Last date and time for submission of Tender through online.	18.09.2025 upto 15:00 Hrs
Online Technical bid opening Date and time.	19.09.2025 at 15:30 Hrs
Period of completion	9 months
Validity of tender	120 days from the last date fixed for receiving the tender.

For further details, visit port Website:www.vocport.gov.in/CPP Portal
Ph.No : 0461-2372306
Email : ce@vocport.gov.in
Sd/-
CHIEF ENGINEER

STOCKHOLM

Sweden and Netherlands call for EU sanctions on Israel, Hamas

AP

Sweden and the Netherlands have urged EU sanctions on Israel and Hamas, including suspending the EU-Israel trade deal. Their letter to foreign chief Kaja Kallas called for targeting Israeli Ministers, settlers, and Hamas leaders. The issue will be discussed by EU Foreign Ministers on Saturday. AFP

MINNEAPOLIS

Motive probed for U.S. shooting that killed two children, injured 17

REUTERS

A heavily armed shooter attacked a Minneapolis church school service, killing two children and wounding 17, before dying by suicide. Investigators are probing domestic terrorism motives. Identified as Robin Westman, 23, the attacker fired a rifle, shotgun, and pistol, which he legally bought, the police said. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. govt. fires health agency head Monarez after she refused to quit

AP

The Trump administration confirmed on Wednesday it had fired CDC director Susan Monarez after a stand-off with Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Ms. Monarez refused to resign, sparking legal disputes and backlash. Five senior CDC officials also resigned, accusing Mr. Kennedy of politicising public health. AFP

CAIRO

Sudan's RSF shells besieged Darfur city, killing 24 and wounding 55

AP

Sudan's Rapid Support Forces (RSF) shelled el-Fasher, Darfur's besieged capital, killing 24 and wounding 55. The city, military's last regional stronghold, faces famine and dire humanitarian conditions with 2,60,000 civilians trapped. The conflict since 2023 has killed 40,000, displaced millions, and sparked war crimes probes. AP

Russian strike at Kyiv kills at least 17, damages EU diplomatic offices

Russia launched 598 strike drones and decoys and 31 missiles of different types across the country, said Ukraine's Air Force; among the dead were four children; the Kremlin said Russia remained interested in peace talks despite the latest air attack

Associated Press
KYIV

A major Russian air attack on Kyiv early on Thursday, including a rare strike in the city centre that damaged the European Union's diplomatic offices, killed at least 17 people and wounded 48, authorities said.

The bombardment of drones and missiles was the first major Russian attack on Kyiv in weeks as U.S.-led peace efforts to end the three-year war struggled to gain traction. It also prompted Kaja Kallas, the European Union's top diplomat, to say she planned to summon Russia's EU envoy to Brussels.

Major strike: Rescuers work at the site of a building which was hit by Russian missile in Kyiv on Thursday. REUTERS

The Kremlin said Russia remained interested in continuing peace talks despite Thursday's air attack, which was one of the war's biggest since it began in 2022.

Among the dead were four children between two and 17, said Tymur Tkachenko, the head of Kyiv's city administration. The numbers are expected to rise.

100 buildings damaged

Ukraine's Air Force said Russia launched 598 strike drones and decoys and 31 missiles of different types across the country early Thursday, most of them striking Kyiv. At least 33 locations across all 10 of the city's districts were directly hit or damaged by debris, Mr. Tkachenko said. Thousands of windows shattered as nearly 100 buildings were damaged, including a shopping mall in the city centre.

European Commission president Ursula Von der Leyen said two strikes landed 20 seconds apart about 50 m from the EU Mission to Ukraine building in Kyiv. She said no staff were injured in the strike.

The British Council, which promotes cultural relations and educational opportunities, also said its Kyiv office had been "severely damaged" in the attack and was closed to visitors until further notice.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said Russian President Vladimir Putin was "sabotaging" hopes of peace following the "senseless" strikes. The Russian Ambassador to London was summoned to the foreign office.

Kim, Putin to join Xi to commemorate war victory

Vighnesh P. Venkitesh
BEIJING

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un will join Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and more than 20 other heads of states and dignitaries at Beijing's military parade on September 3 to mark the 80th anniversary of the victory in the "people's war of resistance against Japanese aggression", the Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Thursday.

China and North Korea are friendly neighbours and Mr. Kim's visit – his first since 2019 – will mark a new chapter in the traditional friendship between the two countries, China's Assistant Foreign Minister Hong Lei stated at a press briefing here on Thursday. China is ready to work with North Korea to "advance socialist development and continue close coordination for peace, stability, and justice", he said.

"Upholding, consolidating, and developing the traditional friendship between China and the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) is a firm position of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese government," Mr. Hong said.

Xi Jinping

The military parade, which will take place right after the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin on August 31 and September 1, will also be attended by most of the leaders from the SCO, including Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. However, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is scheduled to arrive in Tianjin from Japan for the summit this weekend, has not been mentioned in the list of leaders attending the parade.

First-of-its-kind

The announcement of this first-of-its-kind joint public appearance of Mr. Xi, Mr. Kim and Mr. Putin comes days after U.S. President Donald Trump said he would like to meet Mr. Kim later this year, touting his "good relationship" with the North Korean leader. South Korea's Parliament Speaker Woo Won-shik is also expected to attend the event.

The event also marks the strengthening of the Global South amid the 'Liberation Day' tariffs imposed by Mr. Trump. The Global South is no longer a silent majority of a group of countries lagging behind, but represents a "new hope", Mr. Hong said, adding that China stands ready to work with the Global South for inclusive economic globalisation and world peace.

While Japan has been reported to have told world leaders to "carefully consider" their participation in the event due to its "anti-Japanese overtones", Mr. Hong accused Japan of seeking to distort history, honour war criminals, and justify their crimes. Japan's increased defence budget and ease of arms export aroused strong scepticism about whether it is genuinely committed to defence-oriented policies and peaceful development, he said, urging Japan to pursue peaceful development and friendship.

(The writer is in China at an invitation from the China Public Diplomacy Association)

UN experts decry reports of Palestinians 'taken' in Gaza

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

UN rights experts voiced alarm on Thursday at reports of "enforced disappearances" of starving Palestinians seeking food at distribution sites run by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF), urging Israel to end the "heinous crime".

The seven independent experts said in a joint statement they had received reports that a number of individuals, including one child, had been "forcibly disappeared" after going to aid distribution sites in Rafah, southern Gaza.

Israel's military was "refusing to provide information on the whereabouts of persons they have deprived of their liberty", in violation of international law, the statement said.

Trump moves to limit U.S. stays of students

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump's administration on Thursday moved to impose stricter limits on how long foreign students and journalists can stay in the United States, the latest bid to tighten legal immigration in the country.

Under a proposed change, foreigners would not be allowed to stay for more than four years on student visas in the United States.

Foreign journalists would be limited to stays of just 240 days, although they could apply to extend by additional 240-day periods – except for Chinese journalists who would get just 90 days.

A group representing leaders of U.S. colleges denounced the latest move as a needless bureaucratic hurdle that intrudes on academic decision making.

Aeronautical Development Agency
(Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India)
PB No. 1718, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore-560017

CORRIGENDUM-2
EoI for Development of Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)

ADA/AMCA/FSED/EOI/01-2025 Date: 28th Aug 2025

EoI No.	Brief Description	Existing Due Date and Time	Revised Due Date and Time
ADA/AMCA/FSED/EOI/01-2025, dated 18th June 2025	EoI for Development of Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)	31st August 2025, 5:00 PM	30th September 2025, 5:00 PM

Response to be submitted in hardcopy only, either to be deposited in the tender box at ADA or to be sent by Speed Post only to address below. The responses received after the due date & time will be treated as late submission and will not be considered.

Director (Materials Management) Aeronautical Development Agency, P.B. No. 1718, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore - 560017.

Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd.
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
M-194 / 2025-26	CE / MM	Supply of tubular type Lead Acid Stationary Batteries

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit the websites www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in

DIPR/4722/Tender/2025

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ANDHRA PRADESH MARITIME BOARD
Notification No.1/APMB/2025-26 Date:26.08.2025

Applications are invited from interested candidates for the below positions to work on contract basis for one year in Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board.

Name of the Position	No. of Positions
General Manager Ship Building	1
General Manager Logistics	1
General Manager Business Development	1
Total	3

Interested candidates may please go through the website https://apmaritime.in/#/careers for further details.

DIPR 4382PP/CL, Dt.28/08/2025
Sd/- Praveen Adhithya CV, IAS., Chief Executive Officer, AP Maritime Board

APSFL | **ANDHRA PRADESH DRONES CORPORATION**
Andhra Pradesh Drone Corporation Pvt Ltd
(An Enterprise of the Government of Andhra Pradesh)
Vijayawada-520013. Andhra Pradesh.
Notice No: Apdc/RFP/05/2025, Dt. 29-08-2025

Andhra Pradesh Drones Corporation Pvt Ltd (APDC) invites proposals from Potential Applicants for Expression of Interest (EoI) for Defence Drone manufactures Empanelment of Agencies for providing Drone-as-Service (DaaS). Interested firms are requested to submit their proposals. The EOI document & other details can be downloaded from the website: www.apsfl.in.

DIPR 4381PP/CL, Dt.28/08/2025 Sd/- Chairman & Managing Director

Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage & Infrastructure Corporation Limited
Office of the Project Director (Housing), 4-Sa-24, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur-302004 (RAJ.)
Tel & fax : 0141-4001187, Email : rudsico.housing@rajasthan.gov.in
No. :- RUDSICO/PD (H.)/jpr/2025-26/E-2797/460 Date :- 27/08/2025

Notice Inviting Bid

Bid for Architectural Consultancy Services for the Construction College Building at Salumbar & Dungarpur invited from interested bidders up to 12.00 PM on 08.09.2025 under two bid system for NIT 08/2025-26 Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal http://sppp.raj.nic.in of the state. The total approximate value of procurement is Rs. 11.50 Lakh. Bids for various construction work at Jaipur invited from interested bidders up to 18:00hrs, 08.09.2025 for Item no. 01 & 02 under single bid system & Construction work at Shahpura (Bhilwara), Pratapgarh & Porkaran (Jaisalmer) under two bid system up to 18:00hrs, 16.09.2025 for Item no. 03 , 04 & 05 on E-procurment for NIT 09/2025-26 Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://sppp.raj.nic.in and https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state. The total approximate value of procurement is Rs. 2523.10 Lacs.

NIT No. 08/2025-26	NIT No. 09/2025-26
NIB- RDP2526A0019	NIB- RDP2526A0020
UBN- RDP2526SSOB00042 & 43	UBN- RDP2526WSOB00044, 45 RDP2526WLOB00046 to 49

Raj.Samwad/C/25/8933 General Manager (W)

HOKMB-TVM/1117/2024-E1 I/55772/2025

Kerala Maritime Board
(A Statutory Board of Govt. of Kerala)

Re-Tender Notice
Request For Proposal
for
Development of Kerala Maritime Education and Edutainment Hub, Neendakara, Kollam, Kerala

RFP Reference No: 01/2025-26-HOKMB TVM/1117/2024-E1

Dated: 26-08-2025
Due Date of Submission: 17-09-2025

For Details, Visit: www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Email Id : kmb.kerala@gmail.com
www.kmb.kerala.gov.in

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, जन स्वा. अभि. विभाग, जयपुर क्षेत्र - द्वितीय, गांधी नगर, जयपुर
ई-मेल :- ace.region2jaipur@yahoo.com, फोन नं. :- 0141-2702700
क्रमांकः- अ.मु.अ. क्षे-2/2025-26/6177-6199 दिनांक :- 18-08-2025

निविदा सूचना

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से "Water Supply Scheme for Augmentation of Bagru Town under District Rural Division 1, Jaipur including 05 years O&M after 01 year Defect Liability period under CM Budget Announcement" कार्य हेतु जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग एव राज्य सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनो/ केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/ डाक एवं दूरसंचार विभाग/ रेल्वे इत्यादि मे उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया द्वारा निविदाएँ आमंत्रित की जाती है। विस्तृत निविदा एवं निविदा प्रपत्र www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in एवं www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE No. EM/PED-25/2025
No.: EM/PED/TECH-44/2024/709, Date: 27/08/2025
Name of the work : "Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Night Navigation System at Paradip Port Authority for a period of 03 years".
Estimated Cost : Rs.1,44,44,319/-.
Last Date & time of submission of bid : dt.19/09/2025 up to 18:00 Hrs.
Refer our website for details : https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app
Executive Engineer (E), (PED-III)
PPA/PR/35/2025-2026, dt.28/08/2025

THRISSUR CORPORATION ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT
ESS-418/25, ED1-4029/25
Dated: 27.08.2025
e-TENDER NOTICE
ESS-418/25 - Supply, laying, installation, precommissioning and commissioning of 3 RMU's
ED1-4029/25 - Supply A type Steel Posts
www.tced.in
log on to www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Sd/- Asst Secretary

GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
O/o. The Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ), GHMC, Hyderabad
Tender Notice No. 09/SE(P-WZ)/GHMC/2025-26/ Date: 28-08-2025

Item No.:	Name of Work	Est. Cost
1.	Construction of Multi level Flyover / Grade Separators at Rethi Bowli and Nanal Nagar Junction under Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC)/Turnkey Basis.	Rs. 398 Crores.

S.No.	Events	Date & Time
1.	Start date	01-09-2025 from 04.00 PM
2.	Pre-Bid Meeting	08-09-2025 at 03.00 PM, Location: O/o. Chief Engineer (Projects), GHMC 6th Floor, GHMC Head Office Tank Bund, Hyderabad
3.	Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids	22-09-2025 upto 03.00 PM
4.	Opening of Technical bid	22-09-2025 after 04.00 PM
5.	Opening of Price bid	24-09-2025 after 04.00 PM

Note: The Bidders are advised to visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in to download Bid Document and EPC project Tender Drawings. Any Queries can be addressed to sesrdppwz@gmail.com
Address of the officer concerned Sri .G. Sree Lakshmi, SE(P-WZ) Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ), Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad. Further details can be seen at 'e' Procurement https://tender.telangana.gov.in. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Projects-WZ, GHMC
DIPR R.O.No.7258-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt. 28.08.2025

JALGAON CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
e-Tender Notice No. 612 for 2025-26
(Extension No.1)

Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation invites e-Tender for the work of Underground Sewerage Project for Zone II and Zone V (Khedi and Pimprala Nalla) of Jalgaon City. Tender schedule of above notice is extended up to 15.09.2025. other condition will remain same as per published notice.

Date: 29.08.2025

Sd/-
(Dnyaneshwar Dhere)
Commissioner
Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation

DJOKOVICSPEAK

One can think that there is nothing more to achieve, but that's relative

AP

Novak Djokovic believes he still has something to prove every time he steps on court as he reached the U.S. Open third round for a record-equalling 19th time. "One can always think that there is nothing more to achieve because you've done it all, but it's quite relative," said Djokovic. "It's about trying to find a way to win."

TOP PRIORITY

India keen to seal World Cup spot at Asia Cup, says Fulton

R.V. MOORTHY

"If we qualify (for the hockey World Cup), we already have a year's programme set. Otherwise, it will be some time probably in March (the qualifiers), which really complicates a very busy schedule. That's something we want to avoid at all costs — India head coach Craig Fulton on the eve of the Asia Cup in Rajgir

BIG LESSON

Most important thing is to be alert after scoring a goal: Harmanpreet

R.V. MOORTHY

The most important thing is to be alert in the two-three minutes after scoring a goal because that is the time when there is a danger of conceding a goal or rushing too much. We also need to be alert at the start of the third and fourth quarters — lessons we learnt from the Pro League — India hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh

IMPRESSIVE

Pragg is runner-up in Sinquefield Cup, qualifies for GCT finale

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Indian GM R. Praggnanandhaa sealed his spot in the Grand Chess Tour finale after finishing runner-up at the Sinquefield Cup in St. Louis, where American Wesley So clinched the title with a dramatic three-way playoff win. Praggnanandhaa played out a draw with American Levon Aronian and beat Fabiano Caruana in the tiebreak.

Smooth sailing: Sindhu proved too good for Zhi Yi. AP

Sindhu stuns World No. 2; Dhruv-Tanisha pair ousts fifth seeds

Press Trust of India
PARIS

Two-time Olympic medallist P. V. Sindhu stunned World No. 2 Wang Zhi Yi of China to storm into the quarterfinals of the World Championships, while the doubles pairing of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto pulled off a shock win over fifth seeds Tang Chun Man and Tse Ying Suet on Thursday.

The Indian men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also stormed into the quarterfinals with a 19-21, 21-15, 21-17 win over Olympic silver medallists and World Championships bronze medallists Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang.

The 15th-ranked Sindhu, who won the World title in Basel in 2019, took 48 minutes to win 21-19, 21-15 in the pre-quarterfinals to lead the head-to-head against the Chinese 3-2.

The 30-year-old Indian will face World No. 9 Putri Kusuma Wardani of Indonesia.

Sindhu is now just one victory away from securing a record-equalling sixth World Championships medal.

Dhruv and Tanisha stunned Hong Kong's World No. 5 duo of Tang and Tse 19-21, 21-12, 21-15 in a 63-minute battle.

In their pursuit of a maiden World Championships medal, Dhruv and Tanisha will next face World No. 4 Malaysian pair Chen Tang Jie and Toh Ee Wei in the quarterfinals.

On Wednesday, Satwik and Chirag overcame Chinese Taipei's Yang Po Han and Liu Kuang Heng 22-20, 21-13.

Other result: Men (second round): Anders Antonsen (Den) bt Prannoy 21-8, 17-21, 23-21.

Malewar and Patidar on song for Central

The former remains unbeaten on 198 while the latter makes 125 as the team piles up 432 for two against North East; Badoni shines for North

DULEEP TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Ever since the BCCI issued a mandamus that top players should be available for domestic matches when there were no international commitments, rosters have looked star-studded. It was no different when squads for the 2025-26 Duleep Trophy were first announced, with Test skipper Shubman Gill the leading name.

However, on Thursday, as the Duleep Trophy got underway at the BCCI's sprawling Centre of Excellence in the city's outskirts, North, East and Central zones took to the field without their designated captains. Even in the most sought-after restaurants, not all of the trendy dishes on the menu are always available, are they?

Gill did not turn out for North; East's Abhimanyu Easwaran - already standing-in for Ishan Kishan - reportedly developed a fever on match-day morning while Central's Dhruv Jurel sat out because of a niggle. But the likes of Mohammed Shami, Rajat Patidar, Harshit Rana, Kuldeep Yadav and Arshdeep Singh ensured that there was a fair sprinkling of stardust.

All eyes, in fact, were on East Zone's Shami, who was playing only his second First Class match in more than two years.

Power-packed: Malewar smashed 35 fours and one six as he closed in on a double hundred. ALLEN EGENUSE

The 34-year-old finished with figures of 17-4-55-1 and helped restrict North to 308 for six before heavy rain brought an end to the proceedings 10 minutes before close.

Each of North's top-five batters got off to starts, but none made big runs, with Ayush Badoni's breezy 63 (60b, 7x4) the best effort.

For East, left-arm spinner Manishi, despite being a tad expensive, scalped three wickets (19-2-90-3). The 21-year-old Jharkhand bowler dismissed the top-three batters leg-before, with skipper Ankit Kumar getting out while essaying a sweep, Shubham Khajuria a flick and Yash Dhull trapped on the back foot.

In the adjacent ground, Danish Malewar (198 batting, 219b, 35x4, 1x6) and Patidar (125, 96b, 21x4, 3x6) made merry at the expense of the hapless North East bowlers as Central reached 432 for two.

The scores:
North 308/6 in 75.2 overs (Ankit Kumar 30, Yash Dhull 39, Ayush Badoni 63, Nishant Sindhu 47, Kanhaiya Wadhawan 42 batting, Manishi 3/90) vs. East. **Toss:** East.
Central 432/2 in 77 overs (Aryan Juyal 60 retd. hurt, Danish Malewar 198 batting, Rajat Patidar 125, Yash Rathod 32 batting) vs. North East. **Toss:** North East.

For Shami, hope springs eternal

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Mohammed Shami has not been in a wholly happy place in the last 20-odd months.

After losing more than a year to injuries, he was part of India's 2025 Champions Trophy-winning squad and played a full IPL. But to miss out on two high-profile five-Test series in England and Australia because of lack of match-fitness would hurt the ego of any great fast bowler.

On Thursday here at the BCCI's new Centre of Excellence, turning out for East Zone in a Duleep Trophy encounter against North, the pacer moved gingerly towards regaining his earlier aura.

He hadn't played a First Class game since November 2024 and it was only his second since featuring in the 2023 World Test Championship final against Australia.

Shami, who opened the bowling, sent down 17 overs in all, conceding 55 runs and picking up one wicket. But he operated across four spells, with three of them coming under bright and intense sunshine.

Admittedly, he didn't bowl at full tilt and built up pace only gradually. But he was threatening in his third spell (4-2-9-0) and duly picked up a wicket in the fourth (5-0-25-1), luring the right-handed Sahil Lotra to slash hard and edge behind. Kanhaiya Wadhawan, batting on 42, could have been another victim, but for a drop from 'keeper Kumar Kushagra when the batter was on 27.

Shami will soon be 35, an age when comebacks in the longest format are hard to stage. But his effort on Thursday appeared to suggest that the desire was still there.

Shami sent down 17 overs on the first day. ALLEN EGENUSE

SC verdict on AIFF constitution on Monday

Soibam Rocky Singh
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday indicated that it may go ahead with the joint proposal submitted by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL) to resolve their long-running dispute, ensuring clarity for the 2025-26 season.

The apex court said it could pronounce an interim order in the case on Monday, noting: "Whatever is required for a smoother operation, we will incorporate in the judgment as a temporary measure."

Under the unanimously agreed resolution between the AIFF and FSDL, the new season will start with the Super Cup, to be held under AIFF's control after a pre-season camp.

The AIFF will also issue an "open, competitive, transparent tender," for a new commercial partner to run the Indian Super League (ISL), to be completed by October 15 in line with the Sports Code. Subject to the Asian Football Confederation's approval, the ISL is expected to begin by December.

Gurpreet shoots gold

Sharp-shooters: Gurpreet flanked by Amanpreet and Lianbofan. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Olympian Gurpreet Singh clinched the 25-metre standard pistol gold, beating compatriot Amanpreet Singh on the count-back after both shot 572 in the 16th Asian shooting championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, on Thursday.

The results: 25m rapid fire pistol: Men: 1. Su Lianbofan (Chn) 36 (583); 2. Anish Bhanwala 35 (583); 3. Lee Jaekyoon (Kor) 23 (585); **Team:** 1. Korea 1748; 2. India 1738.
25m standard pistol: Men: 1. Gurpreet Singh 572; 2. Amanpreet Singh 572; 3. Su Lianbofan (Chn) 570. RPO: Udhayveer Sidhu 568; Udit Joshi 558; **Team:** 1. India 1709.
Junior men: 1. Kirill Fedkin (Kaz) 572; 2. Suraj Sharma 571; 3. Tanishq Kodavali 568; **Team:** 1. India 1703.
50m free pistol: 1. Javad Foroughi (Iri) 554; 2. Amir Joharikhou (Iri) 551; 3. DavaakhuuEnkhtaivan (Mgl) 549; **Team:** 1. Iran 1652; 2. India 1633.
Junior men: 1. Ilkhombek Obidjonov (Uzb) 552; 2. Kirill Fedkin (Kaz) 552; 3. Song Seungho (Kor) 544; 4. Abhinav Choudhary 541; **Team:** 1. India 1593.
Junior men: 1. Oleg Nskov (Kaz) 624.1; 2. Erkhembayar Batbayar (Mgl) 622.6; 3. Kim Taegyeong (Kor) 618.3; 4. Samiullah Khan 617.0; **Team:** 1. India 1844.3.
Trap: Mixed team: 1. China 43 (140); 2. Kuwait 39 (140); 3. Kazakhstan 38 (136); 4. India-2 (Aashima Ahlawat, Kynan Chenai) 34 (133).
Juniors: 1. Kazakhstan 38 (129); 2. India-2 (Bhavya Tripathi, Arya Vansh Tyagi) 37 (129); **Youth:** 1. India (Yugan Muthukumaar, Tanisska Senthilkumar) 121.
Trap: Youth men: 1. Yugan Muthukumaar 116; 2. Foroudi Shayan (Iri) 106; 3. Syed Ahyaan Ali 102; **Team:** 1. India 308.
Trap: Youth women: 1. Tanisska Senthilkumar 106; 2. Nilaa Baalu 100; 3. Anthra Rajsekar 99; **Team:** 1. India 305.

Alcaraz in cruise mode; Djokovic overcomes a blip

US OPEN

Reuters
NEW YORK

Carlos Alcaraz demolished Mattia Bellucci to banish memories of last year's shock second round exit, while Novak Djokovic shook off a sluggish start to reach the third round on Wednesday and stay on course for a potential semi-final showdown with the Spaniard.

Alcaraz lost to Botic van de Zandschulp in the second round last year and while he made no mistake this time around he admitted that the defeat had left a mark.

Alcaraz was clinical in a 6-1, 6-0, 6-3 verdict, while Djokovic's path proved a bit bumpier, the 24-time Major winner dropping the opening set before finding his rhythm to beat American qualifier Zachary Svajda 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

Swinging away: Azarenka has become the fifth woman to register 100 or more singles main draw wins at hardcourt Majors. AFP

World No. 1 and defending champion Aryna's Sabalenka's pursuit of her first Major silverware of the year continued with a 7-6 (4), 6-2 win over Polina Kudermetova.

Fourth seed Jessica Pegula cruised past Anna Blinkova 6-1, 6-3 and three-time finalist Victoria Azarenka became only the fifth woman in the professional era to claim 100 or more singles main draw wins at hardcourt Majors with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

Second seed Iga Swiatek fended off a gallant fightback from world No. 66 Suzan Lamens to win 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Frances Tiafoe also advanced with a 6-4, 7-5, 6-7 (8), 7-5 win over Martin Damm. Another home favourite Ben Shelton defeated Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

The coveted one: The Asia Cup contenders eye the big prize. R.V MOORTHY

India will look to reassert continental dominance

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
RAJGIR

The last time the Indian men's hockey team faced China, it won by a solitary goal. That Asian Champions Trophy final last year was played soon after the Paris Olympics and more than half of the Indian side was youngsters trying to impress the coach in a new cycle.

On Friday, it will be a very different Indian team starting its campaign in the Asia Cup with an eye on the title and a World Cup spot at stake in a tournament the team and coach Craig Fulton have declared as the 'flagship event' of the year.

It won't be a cakewalk but for the Indian team, anything less than victory will be a disaster.

Ranked seventh in the world, India is expectedly the favourite to win at home at the Rajgir Sports Complex here.

The next highest-ranked side is Malaysia, at 12. India's recent performances have been less than impressive and the Asia Cup will be a chance to prove that the two-time Olympic bronze medallists are still the best in the continent.

The Indians have been sweating it out in hot and humid conditions for a week, a far cry from the pleasant environs of Bangalore where they had their preparatory camp and the cold of Perth, where they played Australia in four matches, winning just one.

The Europe leg of the Pro League preceding that had just one win in eight games.

The weather apart, India will also have to deal with the uncertainties of teams that it doesn't play regularly enough.

Kazakhstan – the other team in India's group along with Japan – was drafted in at the last minute after Oman pulled out and Pakistan's withdrawal led to Bangladesh's inclusion.

The Asia Cup has returned to India after 18 years, the last time being in Chennai in 2007 which India won. A lot has changed in world hockey since then but the host would be hoping to ensure the result remains the same.

Friday's matches:
Pool B: Malaysia vs Bangladesh (9 a.m.), Korea vs Chinese Taipei (11 a.m.).
Pool A: Japan vs Kazakhstan (1 p.m.), India vs China (3 p.m.).

INBRIEF

Fourth-tier Grimsby Town knocks out Man United

Manchester United suffered an embarrassing League Cup exit to fourth-tier Grimsby, losing 12-11 in a marathon penalty shootout after a 2-2 draw on Wednesday in London.

The result: Grimsby Town 2 (Vernam 22, Warren 30) drew with Manchester United 2 (Mbeumo 75, Maguire 89); (Grimsby Town won 12-11 on penalties).

RCB returns to the social media with a 'heartfelt' post

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) returned to social media after nearly three months, stating that the "the silence wasn't absence. It was grief". The 2025 IPL champion stayed away from social media after the stampede which claimed 11 lives in Bengaluru. "This space was once filled with energy, memories and moments that you enjoyed the most. But June 4th changed everything. That day broke our hearts, and the silence since then has been our way of holding space," posted RCB. It also mentioned the 'RCB CARES' initiative "grew out of a need to honour, to heal, and to stand beside our fans".

Shaurya sizzles to go to the top in Kolar Open

Shaurya Bhattacharya with a score of six-under 66 built a three-shot lead at eight-under 208 in round three of the ₹1 crore Kolar Open 2025 at the ZION Hills Golf County near Bengaluru on Thursday. Overnight leader Udayan Mane dropped to second place at five-under 211. Honey Baisoya (70) and Nepal golfer Subash Tamang (72) were tied third at three-under 213.

Hasaranga returns as Lanka announces Asia Cup squad

Leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga, returning from an injury, was on Thursday included in Sri Lanka's 16-member squad for the Asia Cup to be played in the UAE from September 9.

The squad: Charith Asalanka (Capt.), Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Kusal Perera, Nuwanidu Fernando, Kamindu Mendis, Kamil Mishara, Dasun Shanaka, Wanindu Hasaranga, Dunith Wellalage, Chamika Karunaratne, Maheesh Theekshana, Dushmantha Chameera, Binura Fernando, Nuwan Thushara, Matheesha Pathirana.

India crushes Bhutan for fourth victory

India demolished Bhutan 5-0 in its fourth match of the SAFF under-17 women's football championship in Thimphu on Wednesday.

The result: India 5 (Anushka 4, 16; Shveta 24, Julan 77, Nira 90+5) bt Bhutan 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Hockey: Asia Cup, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9, 11 a.m. 1 p.m. & India vs China, 3 p.m.
Zimbabwe vs Sri Lanka: 1st ODI, FanCode, 1 p.m.
Europa League: (Group-stage draw), Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 4.30 p.m.
Conference League: (Group-stage draw), Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.
US Open: SS Select 1 & Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 8.30 p.m.
T20I tri-series: Afghanistan vs Pakistan, FanCode, 8.30 p.m.
Serie A: DAZN, 10 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Saturday)
LaLiga: FanCode, 11 p.m. & 1 a.m. (Saturday)
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 12 a.m. (Saturday)

Dragons crowned champion in a rain-hit summit clash

Mangaluru was ahead by 15 runs by VJD method against Hubli Tigers in pursuit of a target of 155

Joyous bunch: The Mangaluru Dragons squad celebrates its triumph. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Rain played spoilsport midway through Mangaluru Dragons innings, and with no further play possible, Dragons were crowned champion as they had scored 85/2 in 10.4 overs at stop of play (VJD score 70/2 in 10.4 overs) in the final of the Maharaja Trophy here on Thursday.

Chasing a target of 155, openers B.R. Sharath (49, 35b, 4x4, 3x6) and Lochan S. Gowda (18) were impressive in their stroke-play as they added 55 in 37 balls to set the tone for the Dragons, which had made the final by beating Bengaluru Blasters in Qualifier 2 on Wednesday.

Earlier, electing to bat, Hubli Tigers posted 154 for eight in its allotted 20 overs with the left-handed, one-drop batter K.L. Shrijith scoring a delightful 52 (45b, 4x4, 1x6).

After opener Mohammad Taha scored a breezy 27 (14b, 2x4, 3x6) and added 38 with skipper Devdutt Padikkal, the latter batters fell prey to left-arm spinner Sachin Shinde (three for 28), Macneil Noronha (two for 25) and Shreevathsa R. Acharya (two for 30).

The scores: Final: Hubli Tigers 154/8 in 20 overs (K.L. Shrijith 52, Macneil Noronha 2/25, Sachin Shinde 3/28, Shreevathsa R. Acharya 2/30) lost to Mangaluru Dragons 85/2 in 10.4 overs. *Rain stopped play. Dragons won by 15 runs on VJD method.* **Toss:** Tigers; **PoM:** Sharath.
Qualifier 2: Bengaluru Blasters 152 in 19.4 overs (Rohan Patil 86 n.o., Abhilash Shetty 2/26, Shreyas Gopal 3/30, Macneil Noronha 2/26) lost to Mangaluru Dragons 157/3 in 19.1 overs (Lochan S. Gowda 62 n.o., B.R. Sharath 43, Shubhang Hegde 2/31). **Toss:** Dragons; **PoM:** Shreyas.
Special prizes: Best batter: Devdutt Padikkal; **best bowler:** M. Kranti Kumar; **player-of-the-tournament:** Devdutt Padikkal.

All set for another exciting season

PKL

Anirudh Velamuri
VISAKHAPATNAM

Out with the old, in with the new – that's the mantra for the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) heading into Season 12.

The second-most followed league in the country, after the Indian Premier League (IPL), has drawn from the multi-billion dollar entity with a host of changes to further expand its footprint.

There is a new league structure in place, with each team playing 18 matches rather than 22. Draws have been eliminated, replaced by a structured five-round shootout.

The play-offs format has also been revamped, with three Eliminators and two Qualifiers now giving two more teams a chance to fight for the title.

"We've come back refreshed and renewed. We've thought long about the changes. This is innovative, we've learned from other leagues," said PKL commissioner Anupam Goswami here on Thursday.

"The new rules will now make the matches even more entertaining, especially for the fans," said Vijay Malik, skipper of home team Telugu Titans, which will take on Pawan Sehrawat's Tamil Thalaivas in the season opener on Friday.

There have been personnel changes aplenty as well, with only four teams sticking with their gaffers from the last edition.

"The pre-season auction and the exit of the last of the league's golden generation have democratised competitive advantage across squads.

The league also returns to the Port City, a place that boasts a rich, albeit slowly fading, kabaddi history, after a seven-year hiatus.

The trophy launch was set against the backdrop of INS Kursura, the submarine that played a key role in the Indo-Pak war of 1971.

With a spruced-up format, a new generation of players awaiting stardom and an audience hungry for excitement, the league is poised for another chapter of pulsating action.

Grand beginning: The 12 captains strike a pose after the trophy unveiling at the INS Kursura Submarine Museum. K.R. DEEPAK

Velavan regains crown; Anahat completes a hat-trick

NATL. SQUASH

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

It was a classic fare from Velavan Senthilkumar as he dethroned top seed Abhay Singh 11-8, 11-9, 4-11, 11-8 in the HCL 81st National squash championship at the Dhyan Chand National Stadium on Thursday.

And it was a hat-trick of titles for 17-year-old Anahat Singh as she raced past second seed Akanksha Salunkhe 11-7, 11-6, 11-4 in the women's final.

Anahat, who had lost the 2022 final to Joshna Chinappa, has firmly taken over the reins as the queen of Indian squash.

It was the second National crown, after the first in 2023, for the 27-year-old Velavan who had finished runner-up to Abhay Singh twice in the last three years.

The sparks flew thick and fast during the final as both brought out the best game in each other, but the warmth of friendship shone through at the finish.

While Velavan had the technical supremacy, he also matched the energetic game of Abhay this day, much to the delight of the packed arena, which included the HCL Chairperson Roshni Nadar as the chief guest.

Abhay did fight back in the third game, but Velavan did not flinch and handled the fourth game with great composure and elegance to seal the title, after missing two championship points at 10-6.

The champions were presented ₹1,30,000 each, while the runners-up pocketed ₹75,000. Atul Kumar Yadav won pro coach title and ₹50,000.

Yash Fadte and Tanvi Khanna were presented the 'best player' awards.

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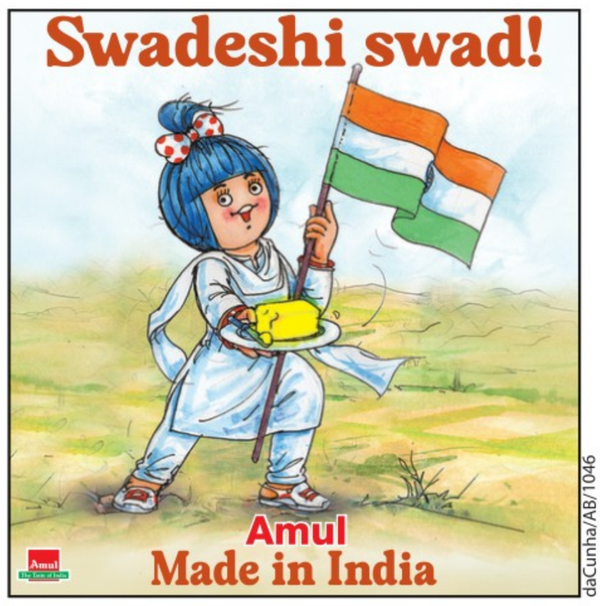
The results:
Men: Final: Velavan Senthilkumar bt Abhay Singh 11-8, 11-9, 4-11, 11-8.
Semifinals: Abhay bt Ramit Tandon 11-13, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7; Velavan bt Veer Chotrani 7-11, 11-7, 11-2, 11-4.
Women: Final: Anahat Singh bt Akanksha Salunkhe 11-7, 11-6, 11-4; **semifinals:** Anahat bt Tanvi Khanna 3-11, 11-5, 11-0, 11-9; Aknksha bt Joshna Chinappa 11-5, 13-11, 7-11, 12-10.
Pro coach (final): Atul Kumar Yadav bt Matthew Godwin 11-2, 11-5, 7-11, 11-3.

Reigning supreme: Velavan and Anahat with their big prize. KAMESH SRINIVASAN



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TNCA President's XI cruises into the semifinals

BUCHI BABU

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Off-spinner J. Hemchudeshan's five for 45 and left-arm spinner P. Vidyuth's five for 46 helped TNCA President's XI bowl out Chhattisgarh for 141 and secure a 59-run win on day three of the third-round match in the Buchi Babu tournament at the Gojan-A ground on Thursday.

Hemchudeshan finished with a match haul of 11 for 109 and Vidyuth eight for 89.

Left-arm spinner Vishal Bhati picked up six for 75 as Bengal skittled out TNCA XI for 213 and went on to post a six-wicket win at the Gojan-B ground.

Jharkhand restricted Punjab to 271 for eight to secure a 131-run win at the CPT-IP turf ground, courtesy of left-arm spinner Anukul Roy (five for 79).

Opener Harnoor Singh Pannu top-scored with 106 for Punjab.

TNCA President's XI will face Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana will take on Hyderabad in the semifinals.

The scores (third round, day three):
Group-A: At Gojan-A: TNCA President's XI 266 & 121 in 44.2 overs (Sahban Khan 5/34) bt Chhattisgarh 187 & 141 in 38.4 overs (Ashutosh Singh 54, P. Vidyuth 5/46, J. Hemchudeshan 5/45).
Points: TNCA President's XI 6(15), Chhattisgarh 0(9).
At TI-Murugappa: Maharashtra 440 & 173/4 in 45 overs (Arshin Kulkarni 69, Saurabh Nawale 62 n.o.) bt Himachal Pradesh 239 & 194/6 in 45 overs (Ankush Bains 87).
Maharashtra 6(7), HP 0(1).
Group-B: At SSN: Odisha 314 & 240 in 44.5 overs (Subhranshu Senapati 55, Govind Poddar 72) bt Jammu & Kashmir 330 & 106 in 34.5 overs (Musaif Aijaz 47, Syed Tufayl Ahmad 4/33).
Odisha 6(6), J&K 0(13).
At Guru Nanak: Railways 184 & 121 bt Baroda 193 & 90 in 36.1 overs.
Railways 6(12), Baroda 0(6).
Group-C: At Gojan-B: TNCA XI 203 & 213 in 43.2 overs (S. Mohamed Ali 83, M. Shahrukh Khan 45, Vishal Bhati 6/75) lost to Bengal 241 & 179/4 in 32.2 overs (Sudip Kumar Gharami 70 n.o., Abishek Porel 50).
Bengal 6(9), TNCA XI 0(9).
At MRF-Pachaiyappa's: Mumbai 346/9 & 232 in 43.3 overs (Musheer Khan 43) lost to Haryana 364 & 220/5 in 42 overs (Himanshu Rana 61, Dheeru Singh 82).
Haryana 6(13), Mumbai 0(1).
Group-D: At CPT-IP (turf): Jharkhand 366/8 & 218/8 in 45 overs (Shikhar Mohan 83) bt Punjab 182 & 271/8 in 45 overs (Harnoor Singh Pannu 106, Prabhsimran Singh 59, Anukul Roy 5/79).
Jharkhand 6(6), Punjab 0(6).

Ajaya clinches second consecutive gold

Top honour: Ajaya held off Malaysia's Hidayat to take home the 79kg title. VIJAY SONEJI

WEIGHTLIFTING

Sports Bureau
AHMEDABAD

V. Ajaya Babu rode on his superior snatch performance to beat Malaysia's Erry Hidayat by two kg and claim his second consecutive gold medal in the Commonwealth weightlifting championships at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Naranpura, here on Thursday.

Ajaya overcame a failed opening attempt to log 152kg in his final snatch effort and establish a two-kg lead over Hidayat before the break. After Hidayat challenged Ajaya in clean and jerk, both ended up recording an identical 183kg and the Indian claimed the top honour and a place in the Commonwealth Games with three records.

Bedabrat Bharali performed superbly to aggregate 326kg and clinch the men's 79kg junior title. Juhitha Guna (168kg) won the women's 69kg youth crown.

The results: Senior: Men: 79kg: 1. V. Ajaya Babu snatch 152kg, clean and jerk 183kg, total 335kg, 2. Erry Hidayat (Mas) 150kg, 183kg, 333kg, 3. Adedapo Poadeji (Ngr) 141kg, 165kg, 306kg.
Women: 69kg: 1. Islamiyat Yusuf (Ngr) 105kg, 131kg, 236kg, 2. Olivia Selemaia (Nzl) 100kg, 123kg, 223kg, 3. Harjinder Kaur 99kg, 123kg, 222kg; **77kg:** 1. Sarah Matthew (Ngr) 108kg, 128kg, 236kg, 2. Seine Stowers (Sam) 102kg, 127kg, 229kg, 3. Rosalie Dumas (Can) 101kg, 123kg, 224kg, 8. Harmanpreet Kaur 89kg, 116kg, 205kg.